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The Bird Department of the New England Museum of Natural History, operated by the Boston Society of Natural History, is inaugurating with this issue a monthly bulletin for disseminating timely bird news from New England. Beginning with the January 1937 number, it is hoped that the cost of publication will be met by a nominal subscription of 50¢ a year. We are greatly indebted to Prof. Samuel A. Eliot, Jr. for his cooperation in sending a report which covers most of western Massachusetts, to Mr. Ludlow Griscom for records from eastern Massachusetts, and to the following contributors: Mr. John P. Bishop of South Harwich; Messrs. Howard L. Mendall and Ralph S. Palmer of the University of Maine. We are most fortunate to have received at the outset the notes of such distinguished field ornithologists and hope that in the future we will hear from interested observers in all parts of New England.

Juliet Richardson.

The weather during this period was unusually mild. Although the migration was early after a successful breeding season, there were many late stragglers. Several cold spells recently have left the country relatively birdless, with the exception of such winter visitants as have begun to arrive.

A Pacific Loon off the Mass. Audubon Society's Plum Island Sanctuary, Oct. 22, (F. H. Allen, Walcott & Buchhoister); another in Suntaug Pond, Lynnfield, Nov. 8 (Griscom et al). As there is no specimen of this bird from Massachusetts, sight records consequently require confirmation, so that an effort was made to collect it. After permission to shoot had been received from the Town Fathers, the bird had flown! Red-throated Loon; unusually numerous off entire Mass. coast. Holboell's Grebe in western Mass.: 1 at Agawam, Oct. 15 (Dietrich); 1 at Onota Lake, Oct. 16 & 25 (Hendricks). Gannet: 1, Plymouth, Nov. 15 (Hagar); Double-crested Cormorant: 2 near Cutler, Maine, Nov. 14, (Mendall), late. Green Heron: 1, Chatham, Oct. 21 (Bishop) very late. Canada Geese: migrating early in good numbers, Washington County, Maine, several flocks 50-100 seen in last week of Oct. (Mendall); almost daily over Plum Island Sanctuary first 2 weeks of Nov., (Safford); plentiful on Wachusett Reservoir since Oct. 18 (Crompton); flock over Northampton Nov. 2 (Murante). Brant: 1 & 11, Plymouth Nov. 15 (Hagar); Nausett, Oct. 16 (Bishop); 4 & 6 Monomoy Nov. 11 (Griscom et al).

Considering the drought of last summer, fresh-water ducks have been unusually numerous in Massachusetts, but in

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Washington County, Maine, despite the fact that the coastal region was not hunted heavily only blacks seemed to be abundant. Gadwall: 1 at Arcadia, Oct. 17 (Eliot); 1 male, Monomoy, Oct. 30 (Bishop). European Widgeon, 2 drakes, just coming out of eclipse plumage, in the Artichoke Sanctuary, West Newbury, with a notable flock of Baldpates (maximum 54), Oct. 18 - Nov. 11 (Tousey et al). Pintail and greenwinged Teal, exceptionally numerous in eastern Mass. Blue-winged Teal: 1 still in Artichoke, Nov. 8 (Emilio et al). Shoveller: several in Clark's Pond, Ipswich, Oct. 18 (Garrison); 1 female, Suntaug Pond, Lynnfield, Nov. 7 (Richardson). Wood Duck: a fine concentration of over 100 in the Lenox Sanctuary in mid-Oct. (S. M. Pell); over 100 at Lake Onota (A. W. Bailey). More Ring-necked Ducks than usual: 15 at Artichoke, Nov. 1 (Emilio); 1 female, Monomoy, Nov. 11, (Griscom et al); 1 male, Marlboro, Nov. 14, (Crompton); 17, Onota Lake, Oct. 25 (Hendricks). Canvas-back: 1 female, Suntaug Pond, Nov. 7-8 (Richardson), same two days 5 on Quitticus Pond, Middleboro (Elkins & Hagar). Scaups have been quite common in Essex County, Conn. & Housatonic Valleys, with a few records probable Lessers. Barrow's Golden Eye: 1 in Newburyport Harbour, Nov. 11 (Emilio), earliest date of record. Am. Eiders: not abundant yet in Wash. Co., Maine, and scarcely any as yet off Monomoy. Am. Scoter: regularly observed, the other two very scarce, Wash. Co., Maine (Mondall). Scoters of two species (chiefly White-winged) so numerous off Monomoy, Nov. 11, that the whole sea seemed alive when they rose, but practically no Surfs (Griscom et al). Hooded Merganser: more than usual eastern Mass.; in Conn. Valley, 10 birds, 4 dates, Oct. 27 - Nov. 7 (Eliot). Red-breasted Merganser: 4 at 2 places in Conn. Valley Oct. 28 - Nov. 1 (Eliot), very rare there in Fall.

As a whole the hawk migration has been poor along the coast, with the exception of Duck Hawks which have been unusually numerous. A possible Goshawk flight is indicated by the following records: at least 8 shot in Vermont recently; 1 male, Berwick, Maine, Nov. 11 (A. V. Ellis); over Mt. Tom - 1, Oct. 19; 8, Oct. 25; 1 Oct. 31 (Hagar); 1, Nov. 11 (Garrison); 3 others (Eliot). Interesting counts from Mt. Tom: Sharp-shinned, 4, Oct. 31; Cooper's, 8, Oct. 25; Red-tailed, 22, Oct. 31; 3 singles since; Red-shouldered, 15, Oct. 31, 1, Ludlow, Nov. 6 (Eliot); Broad-winged, 1 imm., Longmeadow, Oct. 18 (Dietrich); Rough-legged, 1, Mt. Tom, Oct. 19, (Eliot), 1 near Ashley, Nov. 2, (Remington).

Ruffed Grouse: a rare bird on the Cape, discovered near Harwich (Bishop). Yellow Rail: several at Marshfield, Nov. 15 (Hagar et al) with one Virginia. Gallinule: one at Arcadia, Oct. 22 - 23 (Eliot), much the latest date.

There have been a most unusual number of late shore-bird stragglers. Semipalmated Plover: 2, Plymouth, Nov. 15 (Hagar et al). Golden Plover: Nov. 4 & 7, at Plum Is. Sanctuary of Mass. Audubon Soc. (Safford, Warden); Mt. Tom,

1 heard, Oct. 24 (Hagar). Black-bellied Plover; 40 off Cross Is., Maine, Oct. 31 (Mendall), last of year; flock, Plymouth, Nov. 15 (Hagar). Ruddy Turnstone: several, Plymouth, Nov. 15 (Hagar); 2, Monomoy, Nov. 7, (Bishop). Woodcock: 2 flushed Nov. 12 from marshy area near Univ. of Maine campus at Orono by Joel Marsh. Wilson's Snipe: a few at Edmunds, Maine, until Nov. 6 (Mendall). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 seen and heard, both Oct. 22 and 25, Onota Lake (Hendricks), nearly 2 mos. later than latest record; the bird seemed well. Solitary Sandpiper: 1 at Artichoke, Nov. 1, (Emilio), latest record. Greater Yellow-legs: 1, Plymouth, Nov. 15 (Hagar et al); 2, Onota Lake, Nov. 1 (Hendricks), latest. Lesser Yellow-legs: 1, Newburyport, Oct. 27, (Hagar); 1, Ashley, Oct. 29 - Nov. 1 (Eliot), much the latest for that region. Knot: flock near Gurnet Lighthouse, Nov. 15 (Hagar et al). Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 still at Ashley, Nov. 12 (Eliot). White-rumped Sandpipers, Plum Is. Nov. 13 - 15 (Safford). Least Sandpiper: 1, Sterling, Nov. 5 (Crompton), unprecedented for the State. Red-backed Sandpiper: 700 near Gurnet Lighthouse, Nov. 15 (Hagar et al). Dowitcher: 9, Artichoke, Oct. 19 (Griscom); Newburyport, Oct. 27 (Hagar); all probable Long-bills, late collected specimens invariably that sub-species (fide Griscom). Semipalmated Sandpiper, Newburyport, Nov. 11 (Emilio). Hudsonian Godwit: 2, Newburyport, Oct. 27 (Hagar). Sanderling: 400 near Gurnet Lighthouse, Nov. 15 (Hagar et al). Northern Phalarope: 1, Longmeadow, Oct. 15, (Remington). Red Phalarope: 1 swimming in surf off Monomoy, Nov. 11 (Griscom et al).

A most interesting accidental visitant to New England is an adult European Black-headed Gull (*Larus r. ridibundus*), which was first seen at Newburyport Harbour, Nov. 1 (Tousey, Emilio & Griscom), making the second record for the United States. The first, oddly enough, was found in the same spot and collected Jan. 30, 1930. This second gull is still present with Bonaparte's Gulls. It is slightly larger, has a dark red bill, and black on the under side of the spread wing. Laughing Gull: 3, Newburyport, Nov. 5 (Griscom & Hagar), late.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1, West Newbury, Oct. 18 (Griscom & Richardson), latest record. Red-headed Woodpecker: Belmont, Nov. 8 - 10 (Robbins). Swift: 1, Longmeadow, Oct. 6 (Leshure). Arkansas Kingbird: 2 at Austin Station around Oct. 19; 1 at Eastham, Oct. 29 (Hagar). Phoebe: 1 Williamsburg, Oct. 24 (D. Graves). Red-breasted Nuthatch: no flight this Fall, a few stragglers only. Hermit Thrush: 1 Williamsburg, Nov. 15 (J. Graves). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 in Plum Is. Nov. 8 (Griscom). Migrant Shrike: 1 Agawam, Oct. 25 (Eliot), 1, Ludlow, Oct. 28 (Dietrich). Red-eyed Vireo: 1, Cambridge, Nov. 15 (Griscom), latest record for State. From Harwich, an Orange-crowned Warbler, Oct. 18; Palm, Nov. 14; Yellow Palm, Nov. 4 (Bishop). Notably belated Warblers are: Wilson's, 1, Worcester, Oct. 16 (Crompton); Canada, 2, Cutler, Maine, Oct. 31 (Mendall).

Northern Finches are reported in western Mass. as follows: Evening Grosbeak, 1, Williamsburg, Oct. 27 (Graves); 2, Northampton, Nov. 15 (Mrs. Rockwood); Pine Grosbeak, 1 flock of 50-75, Oct. 30 (Graves); Redpoll, 12, Deerfield, Oct. 23 (Graves); the number of Pine Siskins this Fall is slightly below normal.

Ipswich Sparrow: slightly more numerous than usual. Savannah Sparrow: at Plum Is. Sanctuary through Nov. 15, (Safford). Acadian Sharp-tailed Sparrow: Oct. 24, 5 at Arcadia (Eliot), 1 at Ludlow (Bagg). White-crowned Sparrow: in numbers in thickets back of dunes, Nausett, Oct. 19, (Bishop), otherwise scarce this Fall in Mass. Lincoln's Sparrow: 5-7, Harwich, Oct. 28 - Nov. 3 (Bishop). Fox Sparrow: unusually common in Conn. Valley (Eliot); no more than usual in eastern Mass. Lapland Longspur: 1 report from Conn. Valley, Nov. 5; late in arriving and scarce to date on the coast. Snow Bunting: Unusually abundant along the coast and far more inland than usual so early.

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The weather during the first half of this period was unusually cold, the first icy wave coming on November 16, greatly decreasing the wintering bird life. With fresh water ponds and marshes frozen, the ducks left and the land bird migration came to a rapid conclusion. Sub-zero temperatures were recorded on six days in Wells River, Vt. with -20° on Nov. 28 in some sections. In the first half of December in southern New England there have been long protracted rainy spells, nearly double the normal for the entire month fell. With the ground frozen, the rain has not been absorbed, flood conditions have threatened, giving the impression of Spring thaws. Fortunately ardent ornithologists are not deterred by the elements, so that, notwithstanding, many reports have come in to the Bulletin. We are pleased to have received contributions from each New England State.

Loons & Grebes are not as common offshore as heretofore. Holboell's & Horned Grebes have been seen off Plum Is. & Cape Ann. 1 Horned at Ashley Ponds, Holyoke, Nov. 21 (Eliot), 1 Pied-billed at Chatham, Nov. 17 (Bishop). EUROPEAN CORMORANT: wintering in their usual numbers off Cape Ann. There are several late dates for GREAT BLUE HERON: 1 imm. on mudflats of Cobscook Bay, Me. until after Dec. 4 (Mendall); 1, Plum Is. Dec. 17 (Griscom); 1, Huntington, Nov. 25 (Cross); 1, Sterling, Dec. 11 (Allen). The late flight of CANADA GEESE has been poor: flock of 100 on bayside Monomoy, Dec. 5 (Bishop); flocks in several places in Conn. Valley Nov. 17, none since (Eliot). Though BRANT are slowly retrieving their numbers, there have been few in Massachusetts, 5, Monomoy, Dec. 5 (Bishop).

DUCKS

With the intense cold, fresh water ducks have gone from most of New England, with the exception of a few notable concentrations in favorable warmer areas such as Squibnocket Pond, Martha's Vineyard. A very late MALLARD, Newburyport, Dec. 9 (Griscom); 1 male with possible others, Monomoy, Dec. 5 (Bishop). RED-LEGGED BLACK DUCK: common in Newburyport harbour; not as many as last year off Monomoy (Bishop); 800-900, Squibnocket Pond, Dec. 2 (Hagar); only 25, Forest Park, Springfield, Nov. 27 with one COMMON BLACK DUCK (Eliot). Duck found in Gardiner's Pond, Middleton, R.I. by Wm. Drury, Jr. probably represent the concentration of the whole region as no shooting is allowed. Interesting records of rarer

species: EUROPEAN WILGEONS: 6, Nov 14, Gardiner's Pond. BALDPATE: 175, Nov. 15 (Gardiner's Pond); 3, Artichoke Sanctuary, West Newbury, Nov. 22 (Taber), last of year there; 1, Jamaica Pond, Boston, since Nov. 15 (Garrison); 6, Squibnocket, Dec. 2 (Hagar); 1 female, Lake Congamond, Southwick, Nov. 21 (Eliot). PINETAIL: 2, Jamaica Pond, Nov. 27 (Garrison); 1, Squibnocket, Dec. 2, (Hagar). GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 3, Squibnocket, Dec. 2 (Hagar). WOOD DUCK: pair at Lake Congamond, Southwick, Nov. 21 (Eliot), late. REDHEAD: 1, Jamaica Pond, arrived Nov. 13, two weeks earlier than last year, presumably to winter (Garrison); 85-90, Squibnocket, Dec. 2 (Hagar); 125, Squibnocket, 75, Tisbury, M. Vineyard, Dec. 1 (Lynch); 13 Gardiner's Pond, R.I., Nov. 21 (Drury). RING-NECKED DUCK: 1 female, Wrenham, Nov. 29 (Emilio), last of year; 17, Gardiner's Pond, Nov. 17 & 23 (Drury); CANVAS-BACK: 3, Gardiner's Pond, Nov. 7 (Drury); 70, Squibnocket, Dec. 2 (Hagar). GREATER SCAUP: 1200-1400, Squibnocket, Dec. 2 (Hagar); 1 female, Ashley Ponds, Holyoke, Nov. 24-27 (Eliot). GOLDEN-EYE: common; regular on Conn. River since Nov. 21, 1 up at Turner's Falls, Dec. 12 (Eliot). BARROW'S GOLDEN-EYE: 1 male, Fresh Pond, Cambridge, Dec. 1 & 2-13 (Tousey & Blanchard); 1 male, Cape Ann, Dec. 13 (Garrison & Richardson). BUFFLEHEAD: more than last year at Monomoy (Bishop). HARLEQUIN: 1, off Plum Is., Dec. 6 (Griscom et al); 4 male adults, 3 male imm., 6 females, Squibnocket, Dec. 2 (Hagar). AN. EIDER: no numbers off Cape Cod as yet, less seen each year probably due to oil polluted waters. KING EIDER: 1 dead imm. bird found on shore of Cape Ann, Nov. 22, 3rd record for Essex County. RUDDY: 300 Squibnocket, Dec. 2 (Hagar); 35, Gardiner's Pond, R.I. Nov. 21 & 22 (Drury); 2 yrs., Saybrook, Conn. Nov. 28 (Miss Hunt). HOODED MERGANSER: pair, Pleasant Bay, Chatham, Dec. 4 (Bishop); 10, Gardiner's Pond, Nov. 21 (Drury). AM. MERGANSER in open water of Connecticut & Winooski Rivers where they usually winter (Smith).

HAWKS

This is definitely a GOSHAWK flight year. There are records from Mt. Desert, Me., New Hampshire, Vermont, Conn. Valley, Essex Co. Groton, Cambridge, Winchester. A corresponding scarcity of RUFFED GROUSE is noted, the reduction around Wells River, Vt. 25-50% (Smith) few at Randolph, N.H. (V.D.Lowe, Game Warden). COOPER'S HAWK: 1, Sterling, Dec. 1 (Allen). No BUTEOS reported from Conn. Valley! RED-TAILED: 2 wintering near Edmunds, Me. seen almost daily (Mendall): wintering as usual on outer Cape; 1, Sterling, Dec. 15 (Allen). RED-SHOULDERED: 1, Magnolia, Nov. 29-Dec. 13, possibly wintering (Emilio); 1, Morris Is., Cape Cod, Dec. 8 (Bishop), a very rare bird for the outer Cape. ROUGH-LEGGED: except for usual wintering birds on Nantucket & Martha's Vineyard, very scarce. GOLDEN EAGLE: 1 badly injured, with trap & chain on its foot taken 6 miles from Bennington, Vt., died soon after capture (Ross). BALD EAGLE: 1 adult & imm. Mt. Desert, Me. Nov. 27-Dec. 1 (T. Eliot); 1 adult, Merrimac River, Nov. 22 (Taber); 1 adult, Newburyport, Dec. 9 (Griscom); 1 imm. found dead Athol, Nov 22 (Mrs. Allison). MARSH HAWK: 2, Plum Is. Sanctu-

ary of Mass. Audubon Soc., Dec. 8 (Warder Safford). DUCK HAWK: 1 in street outside of Barristers' Hall, Boston all fall; 1, Chatham, Nov. 17 (Bishop); 1 imm. Dartmouth, Nov. 22 (Clement), COOT: 3, Jamaica Pond, Boston, Nov. 23, 27, 30, 1 still there (Garrison). KILLDEER: a few at Ashley Ponds, Holyoke, through Nov. 26 when 2 remained (Bang). RUBY TURNSTONE: 14, Warrumbet, Nov. 30 (Hagar), late. Very interesting late records for WOOD- COCK: 1, Exeter, N.H. Nov. 26 (Smith); 3 Wellesley, Nov. 28-29 (Greenway); 1 Harvard, Nov. 22 (Peters); 1, Athol, Nov. 26 (Dr. Smith). Late GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: 2, Plum Is. Nov. 30 (Safford); 1, Chatham, Nov. 21 (Bishop); 1, Ashley, Nov. 11 (Eliot); 3, West- port, Nov. 22 (Clement). PURPLE SANDPIPER: off Cape Ann regularly several seen there Nov. 22 (Taber), first of year; Watch Hill, R.I. Nov. 26 (Perry). RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: last at Ashley Ponds, Nov. 12 (Remington). WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: Plum Is. Nov. 16 (Safford), very late.

SEA BIRDS

GLAUCOUS, ICELAND, & KUMLIEN'S GULLS are now regularly present at the fish piers, Gloucester, appearing early, Nov. 22 (Taber). 1 adult KUMLIEN'S, Newburyport harbour, Dec. 10 (Hagar). PINK-BILLED: 1, Newburyport harbour, Dec. 9 (Hagar), late. KITTIWAKE: 16, Cape Ann, Nov. 29 (Griscom et al), first of year. RAZOR-BILLED AUK: 1 in Gloucester harbour, Nov. 29 (Griscom et al), the boat circled around within 10 feet without disquieting it. BRUNNICH'S MURRE: another irregular winter visitant, seen at Newburyport harbour, Dec. 9 (Hagar). DOVEKIE: 8, Cape Ann, Nov. 29 (Griscom et al), first of year.

LAND BIRDS

SNOWY OWL: very scarce, only 3 reported from whole of Mass. in this period. KINGFISHER: 1, Chatham, Dec. 11 (Bishop); none in Conn. Valley since Nov. 9 (Eliot). No FLICKERS since Nov. 11 (Eliot). FILEATED WOODPECKER: an exceedingly rare bird near the coast in Mass. has been seen 3 times in this period; 1 Moose Hill Bird Sanctuary of the Mass. Audubon Soc. at Sharon, Dec. 15 (Taylor), feeding on ground beneath feeding tray, probably on maggots from grain moistened by rain; 1, Middleton, Dec. 5 (Emilio), seen several times since may still be there. ARCTIC 3 TOED WOOD- PECKER: 1, Mt. Desert, Me. Nov. 29 (T. Eliot), a very rare resident there, oftener seen in winter. The main flight of NORTHERN HORNED LARNS has passed through, only occasional birds are seen. CANADA JAY: 2, Mt. Desert, Nov. 27 (T. Eliot); 1, Newport, Vt. (Crighton). RAVEN: a few noted regularly at Edmunds, Me., 3 being seen together on Dec. 2, feeding on the mud-flats with the Crows and Gulls (Mendall). RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: still remains very scarce, none seen as yet around Harwich, while last year they were common (Bishop). Several reports of WINTER WREN from the Conn. Valley. A ROBIN is wintering on the hospital grounds at Bennington, Vt. (Ross). A very late HERMIT THRUSH in Cambridge garden, Dec. 6-19 (Griscom). There are late dates for RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: 1, Hocksett, N.H., Nov. 17 (Provost); 1,

Cambridge Dec. 8-9 (Griscom); 1, Ashley Ponds, Holyoke, Nov. 11 (R.M. Clark). GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: more numerous than usual Wells River, Vt. (Smith); plentiful in woods near Cutler, Whiting & Edmunds, Me., outnumbered only by CHICKADEES. (Mendall). PIPIT: 3, Hampton Beach, N.H., Nov. 19 (Provost); 1, Dartmouth, Nov. 22 (only one Mr. Clement saw all fall!) There have been very few NORTHERN SHRIKES this year. MIGRANT SHRIKE: 1, Ludlow, Nov. 11 (Eliot). ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 1, Belmont, Nov. 17 & 21 (Robbins), Nov. 26 (Atkins), Nov. 27 (Brown), Nov. 29 (S.D. Robbins, Jr.) possibly wintering as seen at the feeding station on the Atkins place again on Dec. 23. BLACKPOLL: 1, Athol, Nov. 15 (Mrs. Allison), late. PALM: 2, S. Chatham, Nov. 23, much less common than last year (Bishop). NORTHERN YELLOW-THROAT: 1, Rye Beach, N.H., Nov. 19 (Provost & Goellner), very late. Last RUSTY BLACKBIRD around Boston, Nov. 11, Conn Valley, Nov. 12. A late flock of GRACKLES: 15, Rowley, Dec. 6 (Griscom et al). An extremely rare & accidental visitor to New England is the CARDINAL. One came to the feeding station of Mr. Wendell Parker, 29 Cleveland Ave., Worcester on Dec. 2 and was last seen there Dec. 10.

FINCHES

Northern finches reported from several localities as follows: Very few Northern species have arrived at Bennington, Vt. (Ross). EVENING GROSBEAKS: coming from the Northwest have already reached Lancaster & Groton. PINE GROSBEAK: 1 heard at Granby, Nov. 17 (Mrs. Schurr). REDPOLLS & SISKINS in small numbers near Wells River, Vt. (Smith). REDPOLLS: Royalston, Dec. 10 (Allen). SISKIN: 15-20, Williamsburg, Dec. 1 (Graves), only report in period from Conn. Valley; not common yet in Washington Co., Me. (Mendall). RED CROSSBILL: 1, Northampton, Nov. 21 (Mrs. Wakeman), WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: 12, Northampton, Dec. 15 (Mrs. Wakeman), flying south, an adult male & female seen perched first. A SHARP-TAILED SPARROW, probably Acadian, S. Chatham, Nov. 23 (Bishop). CHIPPING SPARROW: 1, trapped & banded, Athol Nov. 8 (Mrs. Allison). WHITE-CROWNED: 1 imm., Athol, Nov. 8 (Mrs. Allison); 1, Wells River, Vt., Nov. 30 (Smith), very late. Several late WHITE-THROATS: 3, Manchester, N.H., Dec. 9-13 (Goellner); 1, Dec. 15 in a flock of Tree Sparrows, Bennington, Vt. (Ross). 1, Sterling, Nov. 27 (Allen) 1, Belchertown, Nov. 28 (Knight); 1, Amherst, Dec. 6, (Mrs. Cutler). The fall flight of FOX SPARROWS seems to be belated this year; 4, Mt. Desert, Me. Nov. 27 (T. Eliot); small flocks on outer Cape, Nov. 30-Dec. 8 (Bishop); plus other Mass. records for first week of December. TREE SPARROW: most conspicuous finch, Wash. Co., Me. (Mendall). SWAMP SPARROW: 2, Harvard (Peters), 1st winter record. LAPLAND LONGSPUR: very few along coast. SNOW BUNTING: the main flight has passed south, scattered flocks seen occasionally.

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The weather has continued to be extraordinarily mild. There has been so little frost in the ground at Bennington, Vt. that farmers have been plowing. Snowdrops are blooming in certain Massachusetts gardens. Only 4 in. of snow fell at Wells River, Vt. during this period, every storm ending with rain, so that for most of the time the ground has been bare. In Massachusetts the average mean temperature has been abnormally high. At the same time there has been constant rain, the excess for the month of December being 4.74 in. Off Block Island, R. I. the visibility has been so poor that rarely could water-fowl be seen. Due to the open weather, the few land birds which remained after the November cold wave are scattered, and in each State seem to be conspicuous by their absence. But the birds which lingered in the north have had no inducement to retire further south, therefore there are many noteworthy wintering records. Fortunately "Birdiers" are not, like "Skiers", dependent on snow so that we have had plenty to do and see.

Juliet Richardson

COMMON LOONS are regularly seen offshore in small numbers. PACIFIC LOON: 1, off Newburyport harbour breakwater, Dec. 27 (Eliot). RED-THROATED LOON: 1, Plum Is., Jan. 10 (Griscom); in unusual numbers off Cape Cod (Hagar). HOLBOELL'S GREBE: 1, Charles River Basin, Boston, Dec. 31 (W.E. Long, Jr.); wintering in unusual numbers north to Essex Co. WESTERN GREBE: 1 fully identified by Mr. Francis H. Allen, Dr. Winsor M. Tyler and Mr. Joseph A. Hagar on Dec. 16, a remarkable accidental occurrence. GANNET: wintering in some numbers off Cape Cod; in sight nearly every day off Block Is., R. I. (Miss Dickens). From almost every state there are late records, inland as well as coastal, for GREAT BLUE HERON; the most notable are: Bennington, Vt., Dec. 26 (Ross); Medford, Me., Dec. 19 (Buchheister); Agawam, Dec. 26 (Eliot); Huntington, Jan. 1 (Mrs. F. Burr); Sudbury, Dec. 26 (Elkins); Ipswich, Jan. 13 (George P. Patchelder); wintering in numbers on Cape Cod southward. BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 1, Dec. 25 & Jan. 5 in Hall Camp Swamp, Plum Is. Bird Sanctuary (Warden Safford); wintering on outer Cape as usual (Hagar). BITTERN: 1, Block Is., R. I., Dec. 26 (Miss Dickens). CANADA GOOSE: wintering in numbers on outer Cape; 550, Pleasant Bay, Chatham, 500 elsewhere, Jan. 12 (Hagar); 16, Quincy, Jan. 2, flying north (Robbins). BRANT: 55, Pleasant Bay, Chatham, Jan. 12 (Hagar).

DUCKS

There are a few unusual winter records due to the mild conditions with particularly interesting concentrations on Martha's Vineyard and the Cape. MALLARD: 6 with Blacks in Newburyport harbour (Emilio); 2 drakes & 3 females, S. Harwich, Dec. 17 & Jan. 9

(Bishop); 1 drake, Nauset, Jan. 12 (Hagar). RED-LEGGED BLACK DUCK: about 3500 regularly in Newburyport harbour (Griseom); 3200, Pleasant Bay, Jan. 12 (Hagar). BALDPATE: 5, Martha's Vineyard, Jan. 2 (Touseys, Garrison & Richardson). PINTAIL: 2 drakes, Jamaica Pond, Boston, Jan. 13 (F.H. Allen). GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 1, Brewster, Dec. 20 (Xmas Census). SHOVELLER: pair, Tiverton, R. I., Dec. 26, seen at rest and in flight (Clement). REDHEAD: 4, Eastham, Dec. 20 (Xmas Census); 20, Squibnocket, Martha's Vineyard, Jan. 2 (Touseys, Garrison & Richardson). RING-NECKED: 4 (3 ad. males), Lakeville, Jan. 17 (Kimball C. Elkins); 6, Great Pond, Eastham, Jan. 12 (Hagar). CANVASBACK: an unusual concentration of 50, Squibnocket, Jan. 2 (Touseys, Garrison & Richardson). GREATER SCAUP: estimated 12,000 concentrated in upper Narragansett Bay, R. I., largest gathering in recent years, conspicuously absent from other parts of southeastern R. I. (Clement). LESSER SCAUP: 1, Jamaica Pond, Boston, Jan. 13 (F.H. Allen); 45, Eastham, Dec. 20 (Xmas Census). GOLDEN-EYE: common in coastal states. BARROW'S: not reported in period. BUFFLEHEAD: steadily increasing on outer Cape; 113, Dec. 20 (Xmas Census). OLD-SQUAW: 3000, Monomoy, Jan. 7 (Hagar). HARLEQUIN: 2, off Salvages, Dec. 27 (Griseom et al); 4 off Squibnocket (2 drakes in full plumage), Jan. 2 (Touseys, Garrison & Richardson). AMERICAN EIDER: 4000, Monomoy, Jan. 7 (Hagar), far less than last year. KING EIDER: first big influx off Massachusetts coast; 1 very small female in unusual plumage first seen off Plum Is. breakwater, Dec. 6, collected by Hagar Dec. 23; 2 drakes & 1 female still off breakwater, Jan. 12 (Griseom); 17, off Salvages, Dec. 27, 5 drakes with frontal processes well developed, 12 presumed females. Action remarkably different from Am. Eiders which fly a rifle shot away. The Kings very tame, in a dense bunch near the reefs, allowed boat to approach within gunshot, only flew about 100 yards and would repeat (Griseom). WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 10,000, Monomoy, Jan. 7 (Hagar). SURF & AMERICAN SCOTER: occasional birds. RUDDY: 1, Newburyport harbour, Dec. 17 (Emilio); 200, Squibnocket, Jan. 2 (Touseys, Garrison & Richardson); 22, Eastham, Jan. 8 (Hagar). HOODED Merganser: 1 female, Newburyport harbour, Dec. 27 (Garrison & Richardson); 1 female, Eastham, Dec. 20 (Xmas Census); 1, S. Harwich, Dec. 19 (Bishop); 4, Accaxet, Dec. 26 (Clement).

HAWKS

Notably scarce at all inland localities. The possible GOSHAWK flight has petered out with the warm weather, a few lone birds reported from Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. SHARP-SHINNED: Jan. 14, 1 in Barnstable (Bishop); 1 on Martha's Vineyard, Jan. 2, (Touseys, Garrison & Richardson). RED-SHOULDERED: 1 flying south over S. Hadley, Dec. 22 (Eliot). ROUGH-LEGGED: as many as 9 in one day, Martha's Vineyard, Jan. 2 (Touseys, Garrison & Richardson); a few on outer Cape, none elsewhere. GOLDEN EAGLE: 1 adult, Spot Pond, Middlesex Fells, Jan. 10 (C. E. Clarke). BALD EAGLE: 1 imm. south of Springfield, Dec. 20 (Leshure) to Dec. 26 (Bagg); a few around Newburyport and on the Cape, decreasing with continued mild weather. MARSH HAWK: 1, Sterling, Dec. 28 (Charles Allen). RUFFED GROUSE: only 60% of numbers found a year ago in Conn. Valley (Eliot). COOT: small wintering flocks on Great Pond, Eastham (Hagar) & Squibnocket (Touseys & Garrison); 1 still present on Jamaica Pond, Boston. KILLDEER: 1, Block Is., R.I., Dec. 26

(Miss Dickens). BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 3, Nauset, Jan. 12 (Hagar); 2, Block Is., Dec. 26 (Miss Dickens). WOODCOCK: 1, S. Harwich, Dec. 24 (Dr. Coffin). WILSON'S SNIPES: 3, Brewster, Dec. 20 (Xmas Census). LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: 1, first seen at Nauset, Dec. 20 (Low et al), finally collected Jan. 12 (Hagar), first winter record north of Gulf States. RED-BACKED SANDPIPER & SANDERLING wintering in small numbers on outer Cape as usual. GLAUCOUS & ICELAND GULL: none reported as yet south of Cape Ann. KUMLIEN'S GULL: several records at Plum Is. & Gloucester. RING-BILLED GULL: wintering north to Plum Is. & Gloucester; in extraordinary numbers on outer Cape. EUROPEAN BLACK-HEADED GULL: last seen Newburyport harbour, Jan. 3 (Emilio). KITTIWAKE: wintering north to Plum Is. & Cape Ann. Several RAZOR-BILLED AUKS: 1 oiled, Monomoy, Jan. 7 (Hagar); 1 in Gloucester harbour from Dec. 27 (Griscom) to Jan. 10 (Taber); 1 off Salvages, Dec. 27 (Griscom); 1 outside of Woods Hole harbour, Jan. 1 (Touseys, Garrison & Richardson). DOVEKIE: unusually numerous off entire Mass. coast. BLACK GUILLEHOT: also numerous; 42 off Salvages, Dec. 27 (Griscom et al), biggest count ever. An unusual visitant is a PUFFIN seen off Ipswich Beach on Jan. 9 by Mr. C. E. Clarke.

LAND BIRDS

MOURNING DOVE: 4, Dec. 21, 2, Dec. 23, S. Harwich (Bishop). SNOWY OWL: 1 seen several times at Plum Is. by different people. KINGFISHER: several wintering reports from Huntington, Agawam, Sunderland, Arlington, Newburyport harbour, Jamaica Pond, outer Cape. FLICKER: 1 bird on Dec. 22 in Conn. Valley, first since Nov. 11 (Eliot); notably scarce in Mass. north of the Cape. PILEATED WOOD-PECKER: 1 seen several times at Crooked Pond, Boxford (Emilio), still there; constant evidence of its presence noted on dead trees. BLUE JAY: exceptionally scarce throughout. RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: a few scattered birds in most of Mass. WINTER WREN: 2 in North Amherst, Dec. 22 (Mrs. Pray); 1 still present opposite Turner's Falls, Jan. 7 (J.L.Bagg). MOCKINGBIRD: 1, Ipswich, Jan. 4 (Mrs. Dubois); 1, Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Jan. 4 (Garrison). CATBIRD: 1, Amherst, Dec. 23 - Jan. 2, probably there before and since, too (Eliot). ROBIN: very scarce in Mass., just a few lone birds all over state. HERMIT THRUSH: 1 in Cambridge up to Jan. 14 (Griscom). BLUEBIRD: remarkably common on outer Cape. GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: less common than last month on outer Cape (Bishop). RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: 1, West Boylston, Jan. 13 (Mrs. Danforth), very late. NORTHERN SHRIKE: continuing scarce; a few lone birds reported from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: still present at Belmont, Jan. 3 (Robbins). PINE WARBLER: wintering in unprecedented numbers on outer Cape; 10 seen in Eastham, Orleans & Brewster on the Xmas Census. WESTERN PALM WARBLER: 2, S. Harwich, Dec. 19 (Bishop). MEADOWLARK: absent from Conn. Valley (Eliot); only 6 on outer Cape on the Xmas Census; occasionally at Plum Is. (Safford). REDWING: 1, Longmeadow, Dec. 16 (Leshure). GRACKLE: 1, Longmeadow, Dec. 6 (Leshure); 1, Sterling, Jan. 2 & 3 (Charles E. Allen).

FINCHES

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEEK: 1 imm. male in Amherst discovered by Mrs. F. M. Cutler on Dec. 22 but said to have been present for quite a while. Last seen there by Mr. Eliot, Dec. 30. EVENING GROSBEEK: contrary to normal, no increase in numbers since Dec. 15; only one report from eastern Mass., 5, Amesbury, Dec. 26 (Rosacka, vide Goellner). PURPLE FINCH: generally much scarcer than usual. PINE GROSBEEK: very scarce; 1, female, Wellesley, Jan. 14 & 16 (Wellman); 1, Wells River, Vt., Dec. 26 (Smith); 1, Granby, Jan. 12 (Schurr). COMMON BELPOLL: very scarce, a few scattered reports east to Belmont & Cambridge. PINE SISKIN: no northern finches except Siskins in Wash. Co., Me. (Mendall), practically none elsewhere. RED CROSSBILL: 1, Pleasant Pond, Wenham, Jan. 1 (Emilio). WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: 3, Williamsburg, Dec. 22 (Graves). TOWHEE: 1 male on Mt. Tekoa, between Russell & Montgomery, Dec. 26 (Eliot).

SAVANNAH SPARROW: 3, Cape Ann, Dec. 27 (Xmas Census), very late. VESPER SPARROW: 2, outer Cape, Dec. 20 (Xmas Census). JUNCO: unusually scarce throughout. TREE SPARROW: less than usual and with Evening Grosbeaks only wintering finches in Bennington, Vt. (Ross); notable increase in January at Manchester, N. H. (Goellner). CHIPPING SPARROW: 1, outer Cape (Xmas Census), late straggler. FIELD SPARROW: 1, West Gloucester, Dec. 27 (How et al.). WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: lingering in several places in eastern Mass.; 1, Northampton, since Jan. 2 (Mrs. H. O. Rockwood). FOX SPARROW: last at Winchester, Dec. 21 (Carl Small); 1, Barnstable, Dec. 18 (Bishop); last at Athol, Dec. 14 (Mrs. R. Allison); 1, Block Is., R. I., Dec. 26 (Miss Dickens). SWAMP SPARROW: 1 seen, 2 others heard, Barnstable, Jan. 14, in marshy thickets back of duces (Bishop); 1, Longmeadow, Dec. 26 (Leshure). SONG SPARROW: 3 from Dec. 16 - Jan. 15, Manchester, N. H. (Goellner); notably scarce eastern Mass.; fairly common on outer Cape (Bishop); not as many as usual around Springfield (Miss Stebbins). LAPLAND LONG-SPUR: no reports from Mass. SNOW BUNTING: 200, Wells River, Vt., Dec. 21, biggest flock ever seen there (Smith); 7, Northampton, Dec. 22 (Miss Coleman); 1, Amherst, Jan. 5 with Northern Horned Larks (Mrs. F. M. Cutler).

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Our phenomenally warm winter continues with an over-mild February, rain instead of snow the persistent precipitation, fields and roads muddy and springlike. Even northernmost New England has been only slightly snow covered and the temperature throughout has been far above normal. The bird-life, therefore, is in sharp contrast to the preceding two winters, when northern visitors were relatively abundant, and will be memorable for the unusual variety of species successfully wintering north of their usual range in unprecedented numbers. These birds are not mere stragglers which are found each year at least until January or afterwards parasitic upon feeding shelves. Song Sparrows, White-throats and Bluebirds have been heard singing. Perhaps some spring migrants have arrived. We trust that a blizzard will not discourage them.

Juliet Richardson.

- COMMON LOON: unusually numerous offshore; a remarkable concentration of 6 together close to the surf, 6 more farther out, just south of Salisbury breakwater, Newburyport harbor, Feb. 7 (Eliot).
RED THROATED LOON: relatively numerous; 1, Lynn, Feb. 7 (Eliot).
HORNED GREBE: 22, Little Nahant, Feb. 4, (Poor).
LEACH'S (?) PETREL: an extraordinary visitation after a coldwave & northeast winds of 15, Pleasant Bay, Chatham, Jan. 27 (Bishop).
GREAT BLUE HERON: notable winter records, 1, Bennington, Vt. during entire period (Ross); 1, Newburyport, Jan. 24 (Emilio et al); at least 5 wintering on outer Cape (Bishop); 1, Hampton, N.H. Feb. 6 (G. Richardson).
CANADA GOOSE: still found in numbers on outer Cape, 686, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al); 130, Little Compton, R.I., Feb. 6 indicative of movement as scarce heretofore (Clement); none on Clinton Bay, Conn. up to Feb. 13 where they usually winter (Miss Holcomb).
WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: an exceedingly casual migrant to Mass., 2, Monmouth, Jan. 17 with Canadas, not well seen but suspected (Griscom Garrison, Bishop, Touseys, Richardson), still there, thoroughly checked and identified, Feb. 15 (Bishop).
BRANT: 31, Pleasant Bay, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al); 250, Eastham, Jan. 27 (Bishop).

With fresh water ponds and harbors open, a particularly unusual variety and quantity of ducks are reported wintering much farther north than is their normal custom.

- MALLARD: 12, Newburyport harbor with the Blacks; 1 drake Little Compton, R.I., Feb. 6 (Clement); only one seen all winter in Narragansett Bay (Gibbs).
RED-LEGGED BLACK DUCK: still abundant in Newburyport Harbor; 150, Little Compton, R.I., 170, Westport, 300, Dartmouth, Feb. 6, (Clement); several hundred around Prudence & Patience Is.,

COMMON BLACK DUCK: 2, S. Harwich, Jan. 21, in flooded bog (Bishop).
GADWALL: 4, Salt Pond, Falmouth, Feb. 6 (Mrs. & Mr. Francis Minot).
BALDPATE: 1 drake, S. Harwich, Jan. 21 for 5 days (Bishop); an unusual concentration of 350, Little Compton, R.I., Feb. 6 (Clement).
PINTAIL: 4, Newburyport harbor, Jan. 24 (Emilio et al); 20, Little Compton, R.I., Feb. 6 (Clement).
GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 7, Little Compton, R.I., Feb. 6 (Clement).
WOOD DUCK: 3 or 4 birds actually present all winter in Fairfield, Conn., 4 in Dec., 3 since (2 drakes & 1 duck), last seen Feb. 12 (Saunders).
RING-NECKED DUCK: 9 (5 drakes & 4 ducks) Great Pond, Eastham, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al); 8 drakes, Eastham, Feb. 6 (Poor & Scott).
CANVASBACK: 1 pr. Great Pond, Eastham, Jan. 27 (Bishop); 9 Salt Pond, Falmouth, Feb. 6 (Mr. & Mrs. Minot).
GREATER SCAUP: 3 females, Agawam, Jan. 16 (Eliot), very unusual so far up the river in Jan., conspicuous by its absence, Fairfield, Conn. Last year 600-1500 on different days, only 75, Jan. 30, (Saunders); 2 rafts, 125 & 200, Saybrook, Conn., Feb. 13 (Miss Hunt).
LESSER SCAUP: 20, Eastham, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al).
GOLDEN-EYE: generally plentiful.
BARROW'S GOLDEN-EYE: 1, off Rockport, Jan. 31 (Mrs. Elkins); 1, City Pt., Boston, Jan. 26 (Mrs. Elkins), again Feb. 6 (K. Elkins); none seen as yet in Narragansett Bay; (Gibbs).
OLD-SQUAW: notably scarce except off Monomoy (Griscom).
HARLEQUIN: 2, off Salvages, Jan. 24 (Griscom et al).
AM. EIDER: 2050, Monomoy, Jan. 17; 4 off Salvages, Jan. 24 (Griscom).
KING EIDER: remnants of the first invasion of this species on the Essex Co. coast still off Plum Is. breakwater, Newburyport harbor, Jan. 30, 2 drakes & 1 duck, (Griscom et al); 1 female, Pleasant Bay, Chatham, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al); 1 imm. off Gooseberry Is., Westport, Jan. 17 (Clement).
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 2, Nahant, Feb. 6, only Scoters of any species seen on trip to coast Feb. 6-7 (Eliot); large numbers, Saybrook, Conn. (Miss Hunt); plentiful off Monomoy, Jan. 17, at least 3000 flying back and forth over the water (Griscom et al).
SURF SCOTER: strangely missing from Mass. waters (Griscom); 600 plus along shore, Saybrook, Conn. (Miss Hunt).
AM. SCOTER: scarcely any in Mass. except off Monomoy (Griscom); 5, Greens Farms, Conn., Jan. 23, this duck generally very rare here (Saunders).
RUDDY DUCK: 22, Eastham, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al); 8, Eastham, Feb. 6 (Poor & Scott).
AM. MERGANSER: 30, Nauset, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al).
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: no real numbers or concentrations anywhere in Mass. (Griscom).
HOODED MERGANSER: 1, Block Is., R.I., Jan. 26 (Miss Dickens).
TURKEY VULTURE: an unusual visitor to New England, formerly more common; 1, Simsbury, Conn. Jan. 9 (H.H. Sweetser).

HAWKS have been generally uncommon this winter.

GOSHAWK: only one reported in this period, Rowley, Jan. 24 (Taber).
SHARP-SHINNED: 1, Norwell, Jan. 30 (MacCoy); 1 shot at bird-banding station, Hingham, Feb. 14 (Buchheister); 1, Eastham, Jan. 17 (Griscom).
COOPERS: 1 ad., Saugus, Feb. 6 (Poor, Scott, Robbins); 1 Saybrook, Conn. Jan. 16 (Miss Hunt).

RED-TAILED: 1, Newburyport, Jan. 24 (Taber); 1, Northampton (Very white underparts and certain wing feathers), 1, Belchertown, Feb. 6 (Eliot); more than last winter on outer Cape, 9 records for month (Bishop).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: 1, Rowley, Jan. 24 (Griscom et al); 2 Magnolia, Jan. 24 (Taber); 1 ad., Amherst, Feb. 12 (Eliot).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: none reported from eastern Mass! 1 in black phase, Northampton, Feb. 6 (Eliot).

BALD EAGLE: birds reported from Newburyport, Cape Cod, Narragansett Bay, R.I., Hartford, Conn., Block Is. R.I.

DUCK HAWK: 1, Plum Is. Jan. 24 (Emilio et al).

RUFFED GROUSE: 1 male courting 2 females, Framingham, Feb. 5 (Scott).

PHEASANT: rare around Hartford, Conn. (Miss Holcomb).

COOT: 14, Eastham, Jan. 17 (Griscom); 10, Eastham, Feb. 6 (Poor & Scott).

KILLDEER: 1st winter for several years not found around Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders), arrived Block Is., R.I. Feb. 8 (Miss Pickens).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 3 First Encounter, Eastham, Feb. 6 (Poor & Scott), a notable winter record.

WOODCOCK: 1, Norwell, Feb. 13, thought to have been there all winter (MacCoy).

WILSON'S SHIPE: 4, Brewster, Feb. 6 (Poor & Scott).

PURPLE SANDPIPER: nice flock of 30 or so on mainland south of Rockport, Feb. 7 (Eliot).

Red BLACK-BACKED SANDPIPER: 10 still lingering at Monomoy, Jan. 17, (Griscom).

SANDERLING: 20, Monomoy, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al).

GLAUCOUS GULL: has reached Cape Cod, reports from Provincetown, Nauset & Chatham.

ICELAND & KUMLIEN'S GULL: still found off Cape Ann & Plum Is.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: more numerous than usual at Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders).

RING-BILLED GULL: still in unusual numbers north to Essex County.

EUROPEAN BLACK-HEADED GULL: Though the one mentioned previously in the Bulletin has not been seen since Jan. 3, on Jan. 30 at the same place, Newburyport harbor, an immature bird in first fall plumage was seen by Messrs. Buchheister, Emilio, Garrison and Griscom.

KITTIWAKE: still wintering off Plum. Is. and Cape Ann.

Very few ALCIDS have been found in this period. Reports follow:

RAZOR-BILLED AUK: 1, off Moon Is., Jan. 30 (Curtis).

BRUNNICH'S MURRE: 1, off E. Manchester, Jan. 23 (Curtis); 1, Plum Is., Jan. 30 (Griscom et al); 1, Nahant, Feb. 10 (Mrs. Elkins); 1, Provincetown, Feb. 14 (Whitman).

DOVEKIE: the unusual flight of the winter is petering out; 15 off Gloucester, Jan. 24, 9, off Monomoy, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al).

BLACK GUILLEMOT: few this winter, 6 off Salvages, Jan. 24 (Griscom et al).

LAND BIRDS have continued to be exceedingly scarce throughout New England. The almost complete absence of northern finches is compensated for by the unusual wintering records of more southern species.

MOURNING DOVE: found on the Cape and north to Needham where there were 8 on Jan. 18 (Notman).

SNOWY OWL: only a few birds are reported; 1, Wilmington, Vt., Feb. 2 (Miss Reitzell); 1, Plum Is., Jan. 24 (Emilio et al); 1, Williamsburg, Jan. 22 (D. Graves); 1, Greenfield, Jan. 25 (J.L.Bagg); 1 reported from Arcadia Sanctuary, Holyoke in Hampshire Gazette of Feb. 5 (L.S.Combs).

KINGFISHER: reported from Bennington, Vt., Newburyport, outer Cape, Nantucket, Huntington, Narragansett Bay, R.I., Hadlyme, Conn.

PILEATED WOODPECKER: 1 still at Crooked Pond, Boxford (Emilio); 1, Lancaster, Jan. 17-24 (H. Parker).

PHOEBE: 2 unusual wintering birds; 1, Barnstable, Jan. 23 (Bishop); 1 present in Fairfield, Conn. all winter, first noted Dec. 6, seen frequently since, during this period on Jan. 23, 31, & Feb. 13.

The bird seems in good condition and one wonders how it lives over the times when everything is frozen up (Saunders).

PRAIRIE HORNED LARK: predominating in several small flocks of Larks on the outer Cape (Bishop); singing Feb. 4, Block Is., R.I. (Dickens).

BLUE JAY: None seen at Rutland, Vt. all winter (G. Ross); first appeared in Wells River, Vt. on Feb. 8 after a 2 months absence (Smith); none seen on outer Cape either Jan. 17 (Griscom) or Feb. 6 (Poor & Scott) but Mr. Bishop saw one on Feb. 11, the 1st since Jan. 14.

CROW: first in winter, 4, Pittsford, Vt. Feb. 15 (G. Ross)

CHICKADEE: scarce at Rutland, Vt. (G. Ross).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: singing in Wellesley (Wellman); first sang at Mr. Eliot's house, Northampton, Feb. 13; 1, S. Harwich, Jan. 30, the only one this winter (Bishop).

CAROLINA WREN: another casual wintering species, 1, Westport, Feb. 15 (Clement).

MOCKINGBIRD: several reports; 1, wintering at Rockport for 2nd year (Miss Frohawk); 1, Scituate harbor within 100 yds. of lighthouse in shrubbery, Jan. 17 (R. Pierce); 1, Nantucket, Jan. 31 (A. Shurrocks).

CATBIRD: the Amherst bird still present Feb. 5 (Mrs. Cutler).

ROBIN: notably scarce in eastern Mass.; seen only twice in period on outer Cape; 100 or so singing in Chesterfield, Jan. 19 (D. Graves).

HERMIT THRUSH: still present in Mr. Griscom's garden, Cambridge, Feb. 15.

BLUEBIRD: 22, outer Cape, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al); male singing in Fairfield, Conn., Feb. 13 as though it were spring (Saunders); 1, Salem, Feb. 13 (fide Emilio), winter record or spring migrant?

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: less than usual on outer Cape, only 3 since Jan. 17 (Bishop); scarce around Hartford, Conn. (Miss Holcomb).

NORTHERN SHRIKE: 1, Rutland, Vt., Jan. 25 (G. Ross); few scattered birds on South Shore & outer Cape; more common than usual Bristol Co., R.I. (Clement).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 1, Eastham, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al).

MYRTLE WARBLER: rare in Fairfield, Conn. this winter due to the poor crop of bayberries in the vicinity (Saunders).

PINE WARBLER: an unusual winter resident, 2 males, S. Harwich, Jan. 17, one pair, Jan. 27 (Bishop).

WESTERN PALM WARBLER: 1, Eastham, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: found dead on lawn at 5 Military Rd., Worcester

RED-WING: appeared Block Is., R.I., Jan. 23 (Miss Dickens).

BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 1 throughout January at the feeding station of Miss Frohawk, Rockport, disappeared on Feb. 2.

BRONZED GRACKLE: 2, Topsfield, Jan. 24 (Emilio et al); 2 all winter in Nantucket (A. Shurrocks).

FINCHES.

CARLINAL: the one previously mentioned in the January Bulletin reappeared at W. P. Parker's in Worcester on Jan. 26 after absence since Dec. 10, still present fairly regularly.

EVENING GROSBEAK: a flock of 12, Feb. 4, Rutland, Vt., the first of the winter (G. Ross); only 1, Topsfield, Jan. 24 (Emilio et al); flocks reported in Sunderland, Greenfield, Orange & Athol; over 100 in No. Orange, Jan. 26 (Game Warden Loveley); about 25 in Florence, Jan. 31 only; 12, Easthampton, Feb. 12 (A.M.Bagg).

PURPLE FINCH: scarce in eastern Mass.

PINE GROSBEAK: 5, Wells River, Vt. Feb. 13, 2, Feb. 15 (Smith); 5 Chester, Vt., Feb. 15 (G. Ross); flock of 12-15 between Belchertown & Amherst, Jan. 21 (H. Knight); 1 imm. male steadily at a house in Amherst, Jan. 30 to date (Mrs. Staples); 37, No. Chester, Feb. 5, 1st there this winter (H.E.Woods); 1 again in Wellesley, Feb. 10 & 12 (Wellman).

HEPBURN'S (?) ROSY FINCH: at a feeding station in Gorham, Me. for 2 mos. still present daily (Mrs. Waterman, Miss Keene, Dr. Gross, Mr. Norton, Mr. Taber, Mr. Whitman); full details in next Bulletin when bird has been photographed and fully identified.

COMMON REDPOLL: very scarce; 1 Eastham, Jan. 17 (Griscom et al); 4 in a flock of Goldfinches, Fairfield, Conn., Feb. 6 (Saunders).

GREATER (?) REDPOLL: 1, strongly suggesting a Greater, at a Northampton feeding station for a few minutes, Jan. 27 (Mrs. Rockwood). No other Redpolls in Connecticut valley! (Eliot).

PINE SISKIN: only report, 1, Winchester, for a few days (C.Small).

TOWHEE: 1 male, No. Westport, Mass., Feb. 13 (Clement).

VESPER SPARROW: flock has wintered in Fairfield, Conn., 10 in Dec, 8 on Feb. 6 (Saunders).

TREE SPARROW: 2 Rutland, Vt. Jan. 25, 1st since last autumn (G.Ross); more than last year outer Cape (Bishop); scarce this year Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders) & Conn. Valley (A.Bagg); Mrs. Allison trapped at Athol on Feb. 5 a bird she had banded Dec. 17, 1932.

CHIPPING SPARROW: 1 imm. in odd plumage at W.P.Parker's, Worcester, first noticed Jan. 26, studied by Mr. Eliot, Feb. 8.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: several wintering records, on the Cape, at Concord, singing in Cambridge, at Athol up to Jan. 24 (Mrs.Allison).

FOX SPARROW: one singing daily in Brookline since Feb. 4, present also Jan. 15-26 (H.V.Greenough).

SWAMP SPARROW: 1 came to Mrs. Allison's banding station in Athol, Jan. 24, extraordinarily high & north, banded on Jan. 31, still there; 2, Eastham, Jan. 27 (Bishop); 1, Brewster, Feb. 6 (Poor & Scott).

SONG SPARROW: several scattered reports in Mass. birds began singing at Fairfield, Ct. Jan. 26, heard almost daily since (Saunders).

LARIAN LONGSPUR: an extraordinary flock of 65 on road between Ipswich & Gloucester, Jan. 24 (Griscom et al), must be entire Essex Co. quotas notably scarce elsewhere; 1, Eastham, Jan. 17, (Tousey), 2, Mansfield, Jan. 24 (Bagg).

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February continued unseasonably mild, but March brought us the first real taste of winter, the temperature averaging a little colder than normal. Long awaited snow covers the northern states and has fallen throughout New England. Five days of sub-zero temperatures are reported from Wells River, Vt. Therefore, while we had expected an early migration of land birds, it did not materialize, and is belated. There was even evidence to support the theory that March migrants fly south again when cold and snow come! Flocks of Northern Finches appeared in various sections for the first time, are more abundant in eastern Maine. The numbers of wintering ducks off-shore have diminished, noticeably the Old-squaws and Scoters off Monomoy and the Golden-eyes off Maine. We anticipate spring and the strenuous birding it entails.

Juliet Richardson.

RED-THROATED LOON: 2, outer Cape, Feb. 21 (Griscom et al); 1, N. Scituate, Mar. 3 (F. Elkins)

HOLEBELL'S GREBE: 5, Feb. 18, 23, Mar. 3, Middletown, R.I. (W. Drury); 2, Martha's Vineyard, Feb. 21, 1, Nahant, Feb. 27; 1, Plum Is. in breeding plumage, Mar. 14 (Elkins); 5, Bar Harbor, Me., Mar. 13 (G. Swanson).

HORNED GREBE: 25, Middletown, R.I., Feb. 18 (Drury).

EUROPEAN CORMORANT: 200, Cormorant Rock, Middletown, R.I., Mar. 14 with 50 DOUBLE-CRESTED (Drury); 40, Bar Harbor, Me., Mar. 15 (Swanson).

GREAT BLUE HERON: probable wintering bird, Fairfield, Conn., Feb. 24 (A. Saunders); 3 or 4 in coastal marshes, Bristol Co. R.I. (Clement); 1, Rowley, Feb. 28 (R. Batchelder); 1, Hubbardston, Jan. 22 (Schaffer) extraordinary so high and north in the hill country; wintering bird still at Bennington, Vt.

WHISTLING SWAN: an exceedingly rare and casual migrant through N.E.; Two were seen at Squibnocket on Feb. 21 & 22 by Messrs. Hagar & Peters

CANADA GOOSE: coming back to Clinton Bay, Conn., 13 there, Feb. 22 (Miss Hunt); 1st at Block Is., R.I., Feb. 23 (Miss Dickens); 200, flying out to sea off Westport, Feb. 28, 2 small flocks, Mar. 14 (Clement); 113, outer Cape, Feb. 21 (Griscom et al); 4, Plum Is., Feb. 18, again on Mar. 2 (Safford).

BRANT: 71 & 12, outer Cape, Feb. 21 (Griscom et al).

MALLARD: 3 prs, on the river-bank, Longmeadow, Mar. 6, lean-looking, wilk-acting (Eliot); at least 1, Newburyport Harbor, Mar. 13 (Elkins)

RED-LEGGED BLACK DUCK: still in numbers in Newburyport harbor.

BALDPATE: almost 500 at Brigg's Marsh, Little Compton, R.I.

Feb. 21, my largest count ever (Clement); 1, Martha's Vineyard, Feb. 21 (Elkins).

PINTAIL: 6, S. Wethersfield Swamp, Conn., Mar. 1, 22, Mar. 4, 2 weeks earlier than usually there; frozen over from Mar. 6 on but 2 were seen in the brook just south on Mar. 11 (Miss Hunt).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL: still at Squibnocket, Feb. 21 (Hagar & Peters); 3, Monomoy, Feb. 21 (Griscom et al); 3, Heartbreak Pond, Ipswich, Mar. 13 & 14, early migrants (Brookline Bird Club & Emilio)

WOOD DUCK: 2 birds on breeding grounds, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 6, 8, Mar. 13, 12, Mar. 14, the 4 seen all winter not on breeding grounds (Saunders); 1 male, Wayland, Mar. 13 (Garrison); 1 male, 2 females, Longmeadow, Mar. 1 (Leshure), earliest date ever; 1 pr with Mallards, Longmeadow, Mar. 6 (Eliot).

RED-HEAD: still at Squibnocket, Feb. 21 (Hagar & Peters).

RING-NECKED: 1 drake, Middletown, R.I., Mar. 7 (Drury); 22 drakes, Eastham, Feb. 23, with this exception decrease of wintering specialties at Great Pond (Hagar & Peters); 1, Flax Pond, Lynn, Feb. 28 (Emilio), seen Feb. 26 by F. R. Burrill; 1 drake on river off Agawam Mar. 4 (A. Bagg), excepting one January record, no other in Conn. Valley prior to Mar. 18 (Eliot).

CANVASBACK: still present at Squibnocket, Feb. 21 & 22 (Hagar & Peters); 7, Oyster Pond, Falmouth, Mar. 7 (Griscom et al); 1 female, Lakeville, Mar. 7 (K. Elkins).

GREATER SCAUP: very few seen all winter at Fairfield, Conn., 100 with other ducks, Feb. 25, 50 Mar. 6 (Saunders); 300 Waquoit Bay, Cape Cod, Mar. 7 (Griscom et al)

LESSER SCAUP: 20 plus, Great Pond, Eastham, Feb. 21 (Griscom et al).

BARROW'S GOLDEN-EYE: 1, Newburyport, Mar. 14 (F. Elkins).

HARLEQUIN: 1 pr., Middletown, R.I., Feb. 22 (Drury); 14, off Squibnocket, Feb. 21 & 22 (Hagar & Peters); 2 drakes, 1 female, Manomet Lifesaving Station, Mar. 6 (Taber & Stackpole).

KING EIDER: 1 female with a female American, Middletown, R.I., Feb. 22 (Drury), excellent opportunity for comparison with a 45 scope

RUDDY DUCK: 400, Squibnocket, Feb. 21 & 22 (Hagar & Peters); 8, Great Pond, Eastham, Feb. 21 (Griscom et al).

HOODED MERGANSER: 1 pr. Great Pond, Eastham, Feb. 21, (Griscom et al); 3, Long Pond, Brewster, Mar. 7 (Taber & Stackpole).

AMERICAN MERGANSER: 1st arrived at Rutland, Vt., Feb. 16 (G. Ross), Bennington, Vt., Feb. 28 (L. Ross).

GOSHAWK: 1 seen 5 times in Jan. & Feb., Middletown, R.I. (Drury); 1, Sharon, Mar. 6 (R. Walcott); B. Schurr has seen 3 in Granby this winter.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: 1, Block Is., R.I., Mar. 13 (Miss Dickens); 1, Fall River, Mar. 13 (Clement); 1, Brewster, Mar. 7 (Taber); 1, Manchester, N.H., Mar. 3 (Goellner).

COOPER'S HAWK: 1 adult, Falmouth, Mar. 7 (Griscom et al); 1 in Belmont late Feb. (Robbins); 1, Northampton, Feb. 25, 1, Mt. Holyoke, Mar. 14 (A. Bagg).

- RED-TAILED HAWK: reported from S. Wethersfield, Conn , Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod; only one seen in Conn Valley at Westhampton.
- RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: returned to nesting area at Rock, Mass., Mar. 4 (A. W. Higgins); 1, Belmont, Mar. 11 (Elkins); 3 Rowley, Feb. 28 (Batchelder); 1, Williamsburg, Mar. 5 (Graves), undoubtedly a migrant.
- ROUGH-LEGGED: still present Martha's Vineyard; 1, Belmont, during period, (C. Robbins).
- BAID EAGLE: reported from S. Wethersfield, Conn , Hadlyme, Conn., Brewster, Bar Harbor and Edmunds, Me. during period.
- MARSH HAWK: 1, West Newbury, Mar 14 (Elkins), spring arrival.
- DUCK HAWK: 6 males back on 6 breeding cliffs in Conn. Valley, Feb. 28 (Hagar); 2 males, 1 female sailing and diving about nesting ledge on Mt. Tom, Mar 6 (A. Bagg); female near Sugarloaf eyrie, Mar 7 (Eliot); 2, Plum Is., Mar. 1, 1, Mar. 4 (Safford); hunting at Traveller's Insurance Co. Tower, Hartford, Mar. 4 (Miss Meigs).
- AM. COOT: 17, Easton's Pond, Newport, Mar. 7 (Clement); 10, Eastham, Feb. 21 (Griscom et al).
- KILLDEER: 1, Heartbreak Pond, Ipswich, Mar. 13 & 14 (Brockline Bird Club & Emilio).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 2, Watch Hill, R.I., Feb. 22 (T. Perry).
- WOODCOCK: first arrivals, heard at Hadlyme, Conn., Feb. 17 (Brockway); 2, Fairfield, Conn., Mar 13 (Saunders); 2, New Britain, Conn., Feb. 27 (Langdon); singing Norwell, Mar. 16 (MacCoy); 1, Concord, Mar. 6 (Walcott); 1, Salem, Feb. 28, pointed by Mr. Benson's dog; 1, flushed at Ballardsville, Mar. 1 (Miss M. E. Davies).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 40, on Salvages, Feb. 28 (Griscom et al).
- RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 18, Monomoy, Feb. 21 (Griscom et al).
- SANDERLING: 1, Watch Hill, R.I., Feb. 22 (T. Perry).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 fully adult, very large bird, Pemaquid Peninsular, Me., Feb. 21 (Taber).
- ICELAND GULL: seen at Middletown, R.I., outer Cape and on Cape Ann.
- KUMLIEN'S GULL: seen at Cape Ann during period
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: only 5 seen on trip to Woolwich, Me. Feb. 21 (Taber).
- HERRING GULL: comparatively smaller nos. seen on trip to Maine Feb. 21 - 22 than would be present on Essex County shore (Taber).
- RAZOR-BILLED AUK: 1, Little Compton, R.I., Feb. 21, Middletown, R.I., Feb. 22 & Mar 7 (Clement); 2, Martha's Vineyard, Feb. 21 (Elkins).
- BRUNNICH'S MURRE: several reports; at least 4, Middletown, R.I., Mar 12 (Drury); 1, Wellfleet, Feb. 21 (Cottrell); 2, Manchester, Mar. 1 (R. Curtis); 1, very close to shore off Bass Rocks, Feb. 28 (Griscom).
- BLACK GUILLEMOT: 7 unusually close to shore off Bass Rocks, Feb. 28 (Griscom et al).
- GREAT HORNED OWL: 2 heard hooting, Great Pond, Eastham, Feb. 20 (Griscom); seen at Prospect Hill, Waltham, Mar 14 (Bergstrom).

- SNOWY OWL: 1, Middletown, R.I., Mar 7 (Drury); 2, Plum Is., Feb. 25 (Safford)
- BARRED OWL: seen at Prospect Hill, Waltham, Feb 25 (Bergstrom); resident pair at S. Hamilton (Foster); pr. at Granby one of which was seen to drop out of an apple tree in broad daylight and catch a mouse (Schurr), seen on telephone pole, 7 am, Feb. 21, Woolwich, Maine (Taber).
- LONG-EARED OWL: 2 heard, Eastham, Feb. 20 (Griscom et al); heard, Woolwich, Me., Feb. 21 (Taber).
- SHORT-EARED OWL: it was feared that the resident colony at Squantum had disappeared, but Messrs. Taber & Stackpole saw 2 there on Mar. 7; 1 pr. courting, Pamet, Cape Cod, Mar. 5 (O. Austin, Jr.); 1, Plum Is., Feb. 25 (Safford).
- KINGFISHER: wintering birds present at Falmouth, Huntington, Florence, Ipswich (Feb. 28, Elkins), Bennington, Vt. Deering, Me (Feb. 21, Taber); spring arrivals, Weyland, Mar. 13 (Garrison), Wakefield, Mar. 5 (Miss Stebbins)
- PILEATED WOODPECKER: evidence of its presence less than 10 hrs old, Marlboro, Feb. 21 (R. Giles); seen at Manover & Ossipee, N.H. and Edmunds, Me. 1st heard drumming, Wells River, Vt., Mar. 11 (Smith)
- FLICKER: arrived Block Is., R.I., Mar. 6, Chester, Mass, Mar. 11.
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: 1 male, N. Chester, Mar. 12 (H. Woods).
- PHOEBE: bird previously reported in Bulletin at Fairfield, Conn. still present and in good condition on Mar. 6 (Saunders); 1 Middleton, Mass, Mar. 2, (S. W. Jenkins).
- PRAIRIE HORNED LARK: began to be seen in twos, Block Is, R.I., Feb. 20 (Miss Dickens); Middletown, R.I., Feb 24 (Drury); 5 Chatham, Feb 20 (Griscom et al); 5, Sterling, Feb. 20 (C.E. Allen); only on Mar 7 was this race found among Northerns, usual arrival date in Conn Valley Feb. 20 (Eliot); arrived Rutland, Vt., Feb. 16 (G. Ross), Lyme, N.H., Feb. 24 (Mrs. Mills)
- BLUE JAY: abundant on trip to Woolwich, Me. Feb. 21 (Taber) interesting contrast with rarity in east. Mass. this winter
- CROWS: only definite evidence of spring migration at Wells River, Vt is their daily northward movement beginning Mar. 4 (Smith).
- FISH CROW: 3, Middletown, R.I., Feb. 22 (Drury).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: only 1 in Conn. Valley wintered in Springfield.
- WINTER WREN: 1, New Britain, Conn., wintered there last year too (Carlson); 1, Feb. 20 & Mar. 6 in same locality, Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders); Greenfield bird present Feb. 25 (Bagg), not found Mar. 7
- CAROLINA WREN: 1 singing, Middletown, R.I., Mar 7 (Drury)
- MOCKINGBIRD: still coming to feeding station at High St, Rockport.
- CATBIRD: Amherst bird still there Feb. 23 (Eliot), probably later.
- ROBIN; while some have been present all winter in Fairfield, Conn. 8 probable migrants seen Mar 3, still not numerous (Saunders); 1st spring arrivals at Block Is., R.I. Mar. 1 (Miss Dickens); 100, Needham, Mar. 12 (J.D. Smith); 2, Sterling, Mar. 14 (Allen); 4 reports from Conn. Valley in 2nd half of Feb., singing, Northampton, Mar. 4 & 5, then stopped when winter came! (Eliot).
- HERMIT THRUSH: 1, Feb. 20 & 27, Cedar Hill, Conn. (McDavid); 1, Feb. 20 & Mar. 13 in same locality, Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders); 1, Milton, Feb. 22 (R. Peabody); last seen at Cambridge, Feb. 16 (Griscom)
- BLUEBIRD: 1st dates, 12 probable migrants, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 13 (Saunders); Rock, Mar. 4 (Higgins); 1, Belmont, Mar. 2 (Robbins); N. Salem bird still there Feb. 27 (Emilio); 1, Beverly, Mar. 3 (Miss Hatch); 3, Salem, Mar. 6 (Emilio); 3, Sterling, Mar. 9 (Allen); 1, Hardwick, Jan. 10 (Via Conkey); no reports from Conn. Valley till Feb. 26 when 3 appeared in Amherst stayed till Mar. 7;

- pr. reached Barre, Feb. 27 (Miss Read), general arrival Mar. 5; 9, Huntington, Mar. 8, none heard flying overhead (Eliot).
- CEDAR WAXWING: arriving in flocks at Suffield & Fairfield, Conn. Feb. 27, Hingham, Feb. 23; 25, Nahant, Feb. 20, 50, W. Gloucester, Feb. 21 (Emilio); commoner than in any late winter of my 18 yrs. in Conn. Valley, generally distributed flocks throughout, 1st noted, Springfield, Feb. 12 (Leshure), Westhampton, Feb. 20, Amherst, Feb. 24.
- NORTHERN SHRIKE: several reports from the Cape, 2 from Conn., 1, Block Is singing Rock Meadow, Belmont, Mar 12-14 (Cottrell); 4 from Conn. Valley, 1 at Orono, Me., & 1, Wells River, Vt.
- MIGRANT SHRIKE: 1, Wilbraham, Jan. 25 (Leshure), close inspection.
- HOUSE SPARROW: rare bird in Hanover, N.H., seen Mar 7 (Mrs. Mills)
- MEADOWLARK: singing, Winsor, Conn., Feb. 24 (Belden); sang at Amherst. Mar. 8-13, silent till Mar. 20 (P. Dickinson).
- RED-WING: 1st arrivals, Suffield, Conn., Mar. 11 (Holcomb); 5 in song, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 14 (Saunders); 1, Middletown, R.I. Feb. 24 (Drury); 7, Barrington, R.I., Mar. 4 (Gibbs); 1, Nantucket, Mar. 5 (Shurrocks); 8, Dennis, Mar 5 (Miss Crowell); 3, Belmont, Mar. 11 (Elkins); Beverly, Mar. 8 (Miss Hatch); Southboro, Mar. 6 (Walcott) Granby, 15 males singing, Feb. 24 (Schurr), very early, other reports from Conn. Valley are singles Mar. 11 & 13, species by no means arrived.
- BRONZED GRACKLE: 1, Suffield, Conn., Feb. 18 (Smith); 1, W. Hartford, Conn., Mar. 4, 4 days ahead of usual time (Miss Holcomb); singing in Public Garden, Boston, Mar. 8 (Dr Tyler); 2, Southboro, Feb. 20 (Cheney); 40, Acton, Mar. 12 (Wellman); 30, Topsfield, Mar. 14 (Foye); not yet in breeding pine-groves of Conn. Valley but 5 were seen in N. Amherst, Feb. 22 (Eliot), 3, Granby, Mar. 2 (Schurr), 20, Agawam, Mar. 4 (Bagg), Amherst, Mar 7.
- COWBIRD: 300, Bristol Co., R.I., Mar. 8 (A.W.Higgins); 1, Southboro, Jan. 1-Feb. 25 (Cheney); 7 males, 1 female, S Amherst, Feb. 28 (Eliot), only report from Conn. Valley.
- CARDINAL: back at Mr. Parker's, Worcester, in snowstorm, Mar. 15.
- EVENING GROSBEAK: 1 male, Ipswich, Mar. 14 (Mrs Dubois); 1, Williamsburg, Feb. 16 (Graves), only report south of Greenfield where flock still lingers (Eliot); increasing flock up to 34, Mar. 5, Hanover, N.H. (Mrs. Mills); small flock at Orono, Me until Mar. 12 (Palmer).
- PURPLE FINCH: singing in Ware & Northampton, fairly common in Conn. Valley since Feb. 20 (Eliot); 1, Wells River, Vt., Feb. 22, status there summer resident and migrant only wintering once in 5-6 years. (Smith).
- PINE GROSBEAK: Wellesley bird still present; Amherst bird last seen Feb. 24 (Eliot); 1 flock, Hanover, N.H. in garden eating high bush cranberries (Mrs Mills); 4, Wells River, Vt., Mar. 9 (Smith); much scarcer than last year in Orono, Me., never more than 35 (Palmer).
- HEPBURN'S ROSY FINCH: The finch mentioned in the last Bulletin visiting the feeding shelf at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Verdell Waterman in Gorham, Me. was finally successfully trapped and banded on Mar. 7. Mrs. Waterman was most cooperative and had a trap arranged in the window which the bird after several days of waiting, consented to enter. Dr. Alfred C. Gross was then able to completely measure and photograph it, comparing it with a series of skins. He definitely identified it as *Leucosticte Tephrocotis littoralis*, thereby establishing the first record for this species east of the Mississippi. It has not minded the treatment received and is back at the hospitable board fighting off a flock of House Sparrows.

- COMMON REDPOLL: 1, Wellesley, Mar. 15, (Wellman); several flocks, one of 60, Wells River, Vt., Feb. 24-Mar. 14 (Smith); small flocks reported from Amherst, Feb. 22, N. Amherst, Feb. 28, Springfield, Mar. 8 (Eliot); a few at Orono, Me. with Goldfinches, Mar. 3 (Palmer); 6, Brewer, Me., Mar. 14 (Mendall).
- FINE SISKIN: first flocks of the winter, Cedar Hill, Conn. Feb. 28 3, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 13 (Saunders); returning Block Is. R.I., Mar. 4 (Miss Dickens); flock of 40 wintering at Prospect Hill, Waltham (Borgstrom & Garrison); 1, Belmont, Feb. 18 (Elkins); 15-20, Longmeadow, Feb. 17, 40-50, Feb. 18 (Stebbins); 20 Northampton, Feb. 24, 10, Greenfield, Mar. 7 (Eliot); big flock, Amherst, Mar. 1 (Welles).
- GOLDFINCH: large nos. appeared in Conn. Valley Feb. 17, huge flocks, Feb. 28 (Eliot); at Wells River, Vt., usually a winter resident, absent from Nov. 25-Mar. 1 (Smith).
- WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: 1, Cedar Hill, Conn., Feb. 28 (McDavid), 2nd record in 10 yrs. for that locality.
- RED-NECK TOWHEE: female present all winter at Hebron, Conn. (F. Jones). She burrowed into the leaves banking his cottage and Mr. Jones fed her once a week all winter, last reported March 5. An accompanying male was killed by some animal in late December.
- IPSWICH SPARROW: 1, Westport harbor, Mar. 14 (Clement); 2, Monmouth, Feb. 23-24 (Hagar & Peters).
- VESPER SPARROW: flock reported in last Bulletin still present at Fairfield, Conn. up to Mar. 13; 18 were in trees, Feb. 26 due to snow on ground (Saunders).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 1, Sterling, Mar. 15 (Allon).
- JUNCO: increasing flocks in eastern Mass., seem to have wintered farther south this year.
- FOX SPARROW: singing Cambridge, Feb. 25 (Elkins); 1, Longmeadow, Jan. 14 (Leshure), making 2nd all-time Jan. record for valley, none since.
- SONG SPARROW: increased nos. Fairfield, Conn. 1st week in Mar., singing Mar. 3; 1st heard singing, Northampton, Feb. 16 & 19 (Eliot); 3 wintering birds still present Manchester, N.H. (Gcellner).
- SNOW BUNTING: no Conn. Valley report since Feb. 10 (Eliot); 200, Old Town, Me., Feb. 19, 100, Brewer, Me., Feb. 23 (Mendall).

LATE NEWS: 2 Western Grebes were seen off the Plum Island breakwater on March 28 & 29 by Messrs. Buckmeister, Tddy, Lallie, Fletcher, Bell & others. They might still be there.

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During this period we have been experiencing a prolongation of winter, especially in the three northern states where snow has been on the ground almost continuously and low temperatures have prevailed. The spring migration of land birds, therefore, is still belated. Expected arrivals have not appeared on schedule, though in some cases one or two individuals of a species have been found far in advance of their kin. Bird arrivals at Rutland, Vt. have been the latest since 1900, the delay of Robins and Bluebirds until April first being unprecedented in that vicinity. It is extraordinary for the Connecticut valley to lack a Phoebe in March. The Flicker has been exceptionally tardy everywhere. Wintering species lingered late, so that the unusual mixture of Goshawk and Barn Swallow could be seen near Boston on the same day. Fresh water fowl vacated Great Pond, Eastham, March 30; wintering ducks are now rapidly leaving the coastal bays. The Sudbury river was the centre of ornithological interest, notably on April 10 & 11 when the maximum number of individual ducks were present with three Shovellers included. Pintail and Widgeon were particularly scarce and the flight of Canada Geese and Black Duck was poor. Two Western Grebes, accidental visitors of sufficient importance to draw visitors many miles, appeared off Plum Island, so the month has not been wanting in excitement. We now await many new species for the year.

Juliet Richardson.

COMMON LOON: only one report from Worcester County, Mar. 29; 2, Agawam, Mar. 30, 4, Holyoke, April 10 (Remington).

HOLBOELL'S GREBE: a peak of 77 together, Middletown, R.I., Apr. 12 (W. Drury, Jr.); in normal numbers off Mass. coast; 1, Bennington, Vt., Apr. 11 (L. Ross).

HORNED GREBE: in unusual numbers off coast from end of March to end of period; 100, Plum Is., Apr. 11 (Touseys).

WESTERN GREBE: the extraordinary visitation of a pair off the Plum Is. breakwater, mentioned in the last Bulletin, from Mar. 27 - 31 was witnessed by several observers, usually at high tide. They were engaging in courtship antics on Mar. 30. One was there alone on Apr. 4, last seen Apr. 8 (Emilio). But Ruth Batchelder just reports seeing one four miles south of the breakwater off Plum Is. Apr. 17.

PIED-BILLED GREBE: 1st. arrival Simsbury, Conn. & Eastham, Mass., Mar. 29; general arrival throughout Mass. Apr. 3; not found at Fairfield, Conn. till Apr. 10 (Saunders).

GREAT BLUE HERON: small migrating flocks, Simsbury, Conn. & Waquoit Bay, Cape Cod, Mar. 28; Holden & Northampton, Apr. 3; 1, Livermore Falls, Me., Apr. 4 (French); 2, Manchester, N.H., Apr. 7 (Goellner).

- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: arrived Plum Is., Mar. 26 (Safford); 1st. Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 1, Belmont, Apr. 3; 1st. for Conn. Valley near Springfield, Apr. 12.
- AM. BITTERN: late in arriving and still very few; only 2 reported from Conn. valley; 1st. in Essex Co., Apr. 11.
- CANADA GOOSE: flight generally poor, only 4 flocks reported from the Conn. valley Mar. 20 - Apr. 15; flying over Narragansett Bay, R.I. & Plum Is. week of Mar. 23; 38, Eastham, Mar. 29 (W. Long, Jr.); 1st flocks at Rutland, Vt., Apr. 8 (G. Ross); population of 14,000 Merrymeeting Bay, Me., Apr. 15 (Gross).
- GREATER SNOW GOOSE: an extraordinary flock, for such a rare straggler to New England, of 75 mixed mature and immature birds landed in Forrest Lake, Winchester, N.H. on Apr. 15 (L.R. Nelson); one immature bird was collected, weighing 5 lbs. 9 ozs., length 31 ins. proving the subspecies. Two other Snow Geese, also presumably Greater, as specimens collected in spring in Maine invariably belong to that subspecies, were seen with the Canadas at Merrymeeting Bay, Me., Mar. 29 (Gross & Pell).
- BRANT: 77, Town Landing, Chatham, Mar. 29 (W. Long, Jr.); 46 Brewster, Apr. 4 (Scott); 1 oiled bird, Ipswich, Apr. 11 (Elkins); 4, Middletown, R.I., Apr. 12 (Drury).
- MALLARD: very few in Conn. and east. Mass.; 1 drake, Northampton, Mar. 23 (Riedel); a few pretty steadily since with the Blacks on the Ox-bow, Northampton, maximum at one time 3 drakes & 1 female, (Eliot).
- COMMON BLACK DUCK: flight poor.
- EUROPEAN WIDGEON: 8, Middletown, R.I., Apr. 10 (Drury); as they did not winter, this is a most interesting movement.
- BALDPATE: not many reported; 4, S. Wethersfield, Conn., Mar. 23 (Holcomb); 6, Conn. shore, Mar. 26 (Hunt); 2, S. Windsor, Conn., Mar. 30 (Griswold); 2, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 3 & 10 (Saunders); 4, Sudbury, Mar. 21 - Apr. 13 (Garrison); 1 pr. Hampden Co., Mar. 31 (Stebbins); 7, Ludlow, Apr. 1 (Remington); 1 female, Northampton, Apr. 3-4 (Eliot); pr. Northampton, Apr. 14-18 (Eliot).
- PINTAIL: scarce this year; only 10 S. Wethersfield, Conn., Mar. 20, large flocks are usually there at this time; they started in much earlier but few are present at regular time (Griswold); 7, Plum Is., Mar. 16 (Safford); 3, Clark's Pond, Ipswich, Mar. 28 (K. Elkins); 2 prs. Grafton, Mar. 21, 1 drake, Mar. 30 (Crompton & Eliot); 1 female, Northampton, Mar. 31 (Eliot) 2, Agawam, Apr. 2 (Remington); pr. Northampton, Apr. 3 & 7 (Eliot).
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 100, Needham, Mar. 22 (J.D. Smith); 20 S. Wethersfield, Conn., Mar. 24 (Hunt); 1, Sudbury, Mar. 28 (Poor & Scott); 18, S. Windsor, Conn., Mar. 30 (Griswold); 2, Longmeadow, Mar. 31 (Remington) & Southwick, Apr. 1, (Stebbins); 1 pr. Brookfield, Apr. 3 (Crompton); 2 pr., Ludlow, Apr. 4 (Bagg); since Apr. 3 pretty steadily at the Ox-bow, Northampton, max. no. 9, Apr. 9 (Eliot); 2 W. Newbury, Apr. 7 (Allen); 15, Clark's Pond, Ipswich, Apr. 11 (Cottrell & Richardson).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: arriving Block Is., R.I., Mar. 17 (Miss Dickens); 4 Harwich, Mar. 29 (W. Long); 6, S. Wethersfield, Conn., Apr. 10 (Fellows); 2, Falmouth, Apr. 11 (Minot); 4 & 2, Ipswich, Apr. 11 (Tyler & Emilio).

- SHOVELLER: 1 drake with a flock of Black Ducks, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 10, 1st. seen by Mr. A. Saunders in Conn.; 3, Wayland, Apr. 10 (Stackpole).
- WOOD DUCK: 3, Merrimac, Mar. 20 (Bergstrom); 20, Sudbury, Mar. 28 (Poor & Scott).
- REDHEAD: 1 drake, Lakeville, Apr. 6 (K. Elkins).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: unusually numerous and well scattered in Conn. valley; 6, Agawam, Mar. 18, more through Apr. 3 (Remington); 5 drakes, W. Brookfield, Mar. 24, 1, Brookfield, Apr. 3 (Crompton); pr. Northampton, Mar. 28-29 (Eliot); 3, Andover, Mar. 28 (Emilio); 17 still at Eastham, Mar. 31 (W. Long, Jr.); 3, Sudbury, Apr. 3 (Scott) & Apr. 14 (Griscom); pr. Sheffield, Apr. 10-13, pr. Deerfield River, Shelburne Falls, Apr. 13 (Hagar).
- CANVAS-BACK: from Mar. 25 - at least Apr. 11, 1 female stayed in Forest Park, Springfield with the Blacks, learning to eat bread like them; 9, Salt Pond, Falmouth, Mar. 28 (Mrs. Minot); 1, Eastham, Apr. 2 (W. Long, Jr.).
- GREATER SCAUP: 4, Agawam, Mar. 18, 20, Mar. 31, 4, Apr. 7 (Remington)
- LESSER SCAUP: pr. Hadley, 9, Westfield, Apr. 13 (Hagar).
- BARROW'S GOLDEN-EYE: pr. Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 21 (Saunders).
- BUFFLEHEAD: many at Lakeville, Mar. 21, 2 prs., Norton, Mar. 31, far from salt water (Eliot); 5 females, W. Brookfield, Apr. 3 & 11 (Crompton); 1, Holyoke, Apr. 5 (Bagg).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 5, Conn. River at Mass.-Conn. line, Apr. 3 (Remington).
- RUDDY DUCK: pr. mated and performing, Monomoy, Mar. 28 (J.D. Smith); wintering flock present Great Pd., Eastham, Mar. 29 (Taber), departed Mar. 31 (W. Long, Jr.); 1 female, Cohasset, Apr. 4-9 (Fletcher); 2, Rutland, Vt., Apr. 13, 1st. time ever seen there by Mr. G. Ross.
- HOODED MERGANSER: exceptionally numerous and widespread in Conn. valley; 12, Agawam, Mar. 18, 20, Mar. 19 (Remington); some at Norton, Mar. 21 & 31 (Eliot); 1, Mar. 20, Apr. 4 & 10, Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders); 2, Farrar's Pd., Concord, Mar. 20 (Scott); pr. Holden, Mar. 24, 1 drake, 2 females, Apr. 3 (Crompton); pr. West Newbury, Mar. 28 (Emilio); 2 prs. W. Hartford, Mar. 29 for 1 week (Holcomb); 1, Newburyport harbor, Apr. 3 (Scott).
- AM. MERGANSER: 21, W. Brookfield, Apr. 3 (Crompton); 80, W. Newbury, Apr. 7 (F. Allen).
- TURKEY VULTURE: 1 adult, So. Westport, Apr. 11 (Clement).
- GOSHAWK: 1, Livermore Falls, Me., Mar. 25 (French); 1, Hanover, N.H. Apr. 1 (Mrs. Mills); 1, W. Newbury, Apr. 4 (Walcott); 1, Belmont, Apr. 13 (Richardson).
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: to date little sign of spring migration.
- COOPER'S HAWK: 1, Longmeadow, Mar. 19 (Leshure), only 2 later reports from Conn. valley; 1, Edmunds, Me., Apr. 2 (Mendall); 1, Belmont, Apr. 3 (Miss Snow); 1 wells River, Vt., Apr. 8 (Smith); 1, Rock, Apr. 11 (Higgins).
- RED-TAILED HAWK: an unusual number of records from eastern Mass.
- RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: good spring migration in Massachusetts.
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 1, Rutland, Vt., Apr. 12 (G. Ross).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: a few reports east. Mass. as late as Apr. 14, Lexington (Richardson).

BALD EAGLE: reported from S. Windsor & Hadlyme, Conn., Hatchville (2), Hadley & Holyoke (imm.), & at Northampton an adult was seen robbing an Osprey on Apr. 14.

MARSH HAWK: very few in Mass.; arrived Rutland, Vt., Apr. 4, Wells River, Vt., Apr. 10.

OSPREY: 1st seen Narragansett Bay, R.I., Mar. 20 (Gibbs), Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 28 (Saunders), Hadley, Mar. 31 (Taylor), W. Newbury, Apr. 3 (Scott); more than usual to date in east. Mass., fairly common in Conn. valley.

DUCK HAWK: 2, N. Carver, Mar. 28 (Taber); 1, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 3 (Saunders); 1, Belmont, Apr. 10 (C. Robbins).

SPARROW HAWK: common.

AM. COOT: 14, Eastham, Mar. 29 (Taber), not present, Mar. 31 (W. Long, Jr.); 1, Fenwick, Conn., Apr. 2 (Meigs); 1, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 3, usually very rare in spring (Saunders).

PIPING PLOVER: 1, Dartmouth, at sunset, Mar. 21 (Crompton & Eliot); 2, Plum Is., Mar. 28 (K. Elkins).

KILLDEER: 1st. Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 19 (Saunders); 3, Dartmouth, Mar. 21 (Eliot); Williamsburg, Mar. 22 - extraordinarily high and north for earliest this year in west. Mass.; Hampden Co., Mar. 26, Athol, Mar. 29, Sudbury, Mar. 28, Manchester, N.H., Apr. 5, Rutland, Vt., Apr. 6.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 2, Monomoy, Apr. 1 (W. Long, Jr.); 1, Barrington, R.I., Apr. 10 (Gibbs).

WOODCOCK: 1st. observed Granby, Mar. 21, Williamsburg, Mar. 24, N. Chester, Mar. 28, common there Apr. 2, flight Apr. 5 (Woods); Belmont, Mar. 28, Rutland, Vt. & Edmunds, Me., Apr. 2, Wells River, Vt., Apr. 8.

WILSON'S SNIBE: arrived Belmont, Mar. 28 (Robbins).

GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: 1, Monomoy, Mar. 28 (J.D. Smith); 5, Rowley, Apr. 11 (R. Batchelder).

RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 20, Monomoy, Apr. 1 (W. Long, Jr.).

SANDERLING: 1, Monomoy, Mar. 28 (J.D. Smith).

GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 imm. plumage, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 26 (Saunders).

ICELAND GULL: 4, Plum Is., Apr. 11 (Taber & Stackpole).

KUMLIEN'S GULL: 1 ad., Dartmouth coast, Mar. 21 (Eliot & Crompton).

HERRING GULL: unusually numerous in Conn. valley, far up small streams.

RING-BILLED GULL: 1 imm. New Salem, Apr. 7, far from large stream or lake; none of the usual spring transients on Conn. River (Eliot).

LAUGHING GULL: 12, Woods Hole, Apr. 11 (Minot), very early; 1st. Barrington, R.I., Apr. 13 (Gibbs).

MOURNING DOVE: Granby, Mar. 22 (Schurr); Longmeadow, Mar. 24 (Bagg); 1st. Manchester, N.H., Mar. 31 (Goellner); Wells River, Vt., Apr. 4 (Smith); usual throughout Mass. Apr. 4 on.

GREAT HORNED OWL: seen Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Mar. 23 (Elkins).

SAW-WHET OWL: 2, Block Is., R.I., Mar. 16, apparent flight (Dickens).

KINGFISHER: 1st. Rutland, Vt., Apr. 12 (G. Ross).

FLICKER: very late in arriving; 1st. migrants Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 29; bird in Chester, Mar. 11 evidently accidental, no other in that region to date; no other Conn. valley record till the 31st! not common around Boston till April 15; 1st. Rutland, Vt., Apr. 14 Wells River, Vt. Apr. 15.

PILEATED WOODPECKER: pr. all winter Twin Lakes, Conn. (Bulkeley); 2, very apparently a pair, Boxford, week of Apr. 11 (H.F. Phillips).

- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: 1, Hartford, Conn., Mar. 28 (McDavid); 1, Lynn, Apr. 6 (Moulton); 1, W. Roxbury, Apr. 11 (Allen); only 3 in Conn. valley through Apr. 15; 1, Wells River, Vt., Apr. 14 (Smith)
- PHOEBE: very late in arriving, a few southwards end of March; general arrival Conn. valley, Apr. 1, wave Apr. 3 (no March report)
- NOT COMMON EAST. MASS. & Wells River, Vt. till Apr. 13; arrived Orono, Me. Apr. 15 (Palmer).
- PRAIRIE HORNE LARK: in prs. Newport, Vt. since Mar. 12 (Crichton); nest found on Sharon golf course, 1st egg laid, Mar. 20 (Taylor); 1, Granby, Mar. 16 (Schurr); 2, Danvers, Apr. 4 (Touseys).
- TREE SWALLOW: 1st. Plum Is., Mar. 22, not again till Mar. 31 (Safford); 1, Sudbury, Mar. 24 (Bergstrom); flock Grafton, Mar. 24, fairly common since (Crompton); 1st. Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 27, Hatchville, Mar. 28, Williamsburg & Southwick, Apr. 1, Holyoke, Apr. 5, Ossipee, N.H., Apr. 8, earliest arrival date since 1929, Whiting, Me., Apr. 13, early for that section (Mendall), Wells River, Vt., Apr. 14 (Smith).
- BANK SWALLOW: flock N. Hatfield, Apr. 15 (Graves).
- BARN SWALLOW: 2, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 11 (Saunders); 1, Danvers, Apr. 11 (Touseys); 1, Ludlow, Apr. 12 (Eliot); 1, Sudbury, Apr. 14 (Griscom); 1, Florence, Apr. 15 (Clark).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 5 prs. Williamsburg, Apr. 15 (Graves), early arrival at this breeding place usual.
- CANADA JAY: 1, Williamsburg, Feb. 24, seen & heard at close range, (Graves).
- FISH CROW: 2, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 31 (Saunders), now in normal summer abundance.
- ACADIAN CHICKADEE: 2 all winter till Mar. 20 at feeding shelf, Newport, Vt. (Crichton); 3, Edmunds, Me., Mar. 19, 2, Apr. 9 & 13 (Mendall).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: only 1 reported, Chicorua, N.H., Mar. 24; (Lincoln).
- WINTER WREN: several reports; 1, Hartford, Conn., 3 Conn. valley, 1, Gt. Barrington, singing Apr. 7 on; 1, Framingham, Apr. 7 (Scott); 1, Belmont, Apr. 13 (K. Elkins); arrived Wells River, Vt. Apr. 14 (Smith).
- CAROLINA WREN: 2, Middletown, R.I., Mar. 25, apparently regular there (Drury).
- LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: 4, Middletown, R.I., Apr. 12 (Drury), must have wintered nearby.
- MOCKINGBIRD: Rockport bird now singing; others in Westford, Sharon, Belmont.
- CATBIRD: winterer in Amherst last seen Mar. 17.
- ROBIN: late in arriving; common in Conn. valley only since Mar. 24; not abundant east. Mass. till Mar. 31; huge flocks Essex Co. Apr. 4; arrived Manchester, N.H. & Wells River, Vt., Mar. 31, Hanover & Ossipee, N.H., Rutland, Vt., Apr. 1, Newport, Vt., Apr. 4.
- HERMIT THRUSH: 1, Ware, Mar. 20 (Conkey); Hadlyme, Conn. Mar. 27 (Brockway); 3, Hartford, Conn., Apr. 3 (McDavid); 3, Granby, Apr. 3 (Schurr); 1, Segreganset, Apr. 5 (Higgins); 1, Northampton, Apr. 10 & 14; 2, Cambridge, Apr. 13 (Griscom); Wells River, Vt., Apr. 15 (Smith).

- BLUEBIRD: also late; 1st. Williamsburg, Mar. 19; 20, Huntington, Mar. 23; 1, Hanover, N.H., Mar. 14, pr., Mar. 30 (Mrs. Mills); 1st. Wells River, Vt., Mar. 30, Ossipee, N.H., Mar. 31, Rutland, Vt., Apr. 1; common east. Mass. Apr. 4.
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: many places Conn. valley Mar. 29, not common since (Eliot).
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: 1, Hartford, Conn., Mar. 20 (McDavid); 1 singing Hanover, N.H., Apr. 2 onwards (Mrs. Mills); 1, Northampton, Apr. 7 & 1, Apr. 8 & 9 (Eliot); probably storm-brought waifs; 1, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 13 (Saunders); 1, Waltham, Apr. 13 (Bergstrom).
- PIBIT: 14, Hammonasset, Conn., Apr. 19 (Meigs); 1, Belmont, Apr. 15 (Long & Robbins).
- NORTHERN SHRIKE: reported from Sudbury, Mar. 28, Longmeadow, Mar. 19 & 20, Williamsburg, Mar. 25, New Salem & Dana, Apr. 4, Harrington, Me., Mar. 18, Waterville, Me., Mar. 29, E. Machias, Me., Apr. 13-14, Manchester, N.H., Apr. 1-3.
- MIGRANT SHRIKE: 1, S. Amherst, Mar. 29 (Eliot & Worley); 1, Barnstable, Apr. 1 (Eliot); 1, Rutland, Vt., Apr. 12 (G. Ross); 1, Bennington, Vt. Apr. 14 (L. Ross), very rare migrant there.
- MYRTLE WARBLER: 2, W. Hartford, Conn., Mar. 27 (Holcomb); a flock, Granby, Apr. 1 (Schurr), wholly irregular but not quite unprecedented, no others in Conn. valley in period; regular Fairfield, Conn. since Apr. 9 (Saunders); 50, Plymouth, Apr. 11 (Eddy).
- PINE WARBLER: 1 singing, Northampton, Apr. 10 (Eliot); 1, Middleton, Apr. 11 (Phillips); 1, Belmont, Apr. 13 (F. Elkins).
- WESTERN PALM WARBLER: 1, Fall River, Mar. 27 (Clement) undoubtedly winterer.
- YELLOW PALM WARBLER: 1, Middleboro, Apr. 7 (Higgins); 1, Williamsburg, Apr. 7 (Graves), doubtless waif; 1, W. Hartford, Conn., Apr. 11, flock Apr. 13 (Holcomb); several Essex Co., Apr. 11 (Phillips & Foye); 1st. Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 13; 1, Belmont, Apr. 13 (Elkins); flock Northampton, Apr. 14 (Eliot).
- LOUISIANA WATER THRUSH: 1, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 15 (Saunders).
- MEADOWLARK: also late; 1st migrants, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 20; almost unreported Conn. valley till Mar. 29 and still scarce (Eliot); 1st. Lebanon, N.H. & Rutland, Vt., Apr. 4.
- RED-WING: late; 5 females with Cowbirds and Starlings, but no males, S. Amherst, Feb. 28 (Eliot); 1 female, Agawam, Mar. 20 in a mixed flock with many males, no females since in Conn. valley (Eliot); big flight in Conn. Mar. 20, east. Mass. Mar. 24; 1st. Manchester, N.H., Mar. 23, Rutland, Vt., Apr. 1, Wells River, Vt. & Livermore Falls, Me., Apr. 2.
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: few in numbers and late in arriving east. Mass. & Conn. valley; seen Sudbury, Mar. 19 (Allen & Long); larger than usual migration at Bennington, Vt. (L. Ross); arrived Wells River, Vt., Apr. 5 (Smith).
- BRONZED GRACKLE: late; seen in numbers east. Mass. Mar. 28; 1st. Livermore Falls, Me., Apr. 1, Wells River, Vt., Apr. 12.
- COWBIRD: 1st. Sudbury, Mar. 19 (Allen & Long); 1st. Fairfield, Conn. Mar. 21 (Saunders); common in Conn. valley after Mar. 24; 1st. Hanover, N.H. & Livermore Falls, Me., Apr. 7; Wells River, Vt., Apr. 12.
- CARDINAL: Worcester bird seen again Mar. 28 (Parker).

- ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK: 1 male seen Northampton, Mar. 31 by competent observer who had pair nesting last year (Eliot).
- EVENING GROSBEAK: only one flock in Conn. all winter at Norfolk (Spaulding); increased number of flocks in Conn. valley and Worcester Co. large flock still present Hanover, N.H. (Mrs. Mills).
- PURPLE FINCH: abundant, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 29 (Saunders); practically no spring migration reported from points further north.
- PINE GROSBEAK: 1 last seen Wells River, Vt., Mar. 17 (Smith); Chicorua, N.H., Mar. 23 (Lincoln); Wellesley, Mar. 28 (Williams).
- REDPOL: 10, Lincoln, Mar. 18 (Garrison); 75, Williamsburg, Mar. 19, 12, Mar. 21 (Graves); 1, Belmont, Mar. 22-23 (Robbins); several flocks in Mar. Newport, Vt. (Crichton); 60, Hanover, N.H., Mar. 15 Apr. 7 (Mrs. Mills); singles and flocks, Bartlett, N.H., Mar. 18-25 (K. Tousey); large flocks Livermore Falls, Me., Apr. 2 (French).
- IPSWICH SPARROW: 1, Dartmouth, Mar. 21 (Eliot & Crompton); 1 Ipswich, Apr. 1 (Long).
- SAVANNAH SPARROW: excessively late, no reports until Apr. 9 & 11 in Mass. & Conn; arrived Manchester, N.H., Apr. 14 (Goellner).
- VESPER SPARROW: very late, only 2 reports from Mass. before Apr. 11; well scattered in Conn. valley, Apr. 12, no general arrival east. Mass. before Apr. 14; arrived Manchester, N.H. & Rutland, Vt. Apr. 8; Wells River, Vt., Apr. 14.
- EASTERN LARK SPARROW: 1 pr. Williamsburg, Ap. 7 (Graves), male singing brilliantly, female responding with chips; male again heard and well seen Apr. 15; third successive year Mr. Graves has seen a Lark Sparrow in early April in that vicinity.
- TREE SPARROW: last seen Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 10 (Saunders); still present east. Mass. Apr. 15.
- CHIPPING SPARROW: 1, W. Hartford, Conn., Mar. 31 (Powers); 1st Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 14 (Saunders), Norwell, Apr. 14 (MacCoy), Florence, Apr. 15 (Clark).
- FIELD SPARROW: 1 sang Agawam, Feb. 20 (Sherwood), must have wintered nearby; 1st. Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 21 (Saunders), Hadlyme, Conn. Apr. 6 (Brockway); 1, Northampton, Apr. 7 (Eliot); 1, Lynn, Apr. 11 (Moulton); 1, Belmont, Apr. 14 (Griscom); at close of period still very few.
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 1st. migrants Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 12 (Saunders); Cambridge, Apr. 15 (Richardson).
- FOX SPARROW: 1st. Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 20, last Apr. 5 (Saunders); 1st. Block Is., R.I., Mar. 22 (Miss Dickens); very late in arriving & great flight east. Mass. Ap. 2-5; 300-400, Essex Co., Apr. 4 (Touseys); 2, Longmeadow, Mar. 20 (Leshure); unusually common in hill country of Mass. notably scarce in central lowlands (Eliot); height of migration, Manchester, N.H. Apr. 1-6 (Goellner); larger than usual migration, Bennington, Vt. (L. Ross); 1st. Wells River, Vt., Apr. 6 (Smith).
- SWAMP SPARROW: 1st. Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 10 (Saunders); 2 Sudbury, Mar. 31 (Touseys); 3, Waltham, Mar. 31 (Garrison); arrived Essex Co., Apr. 11 (Emilio); way behind normal numbers Apr. 15.
- SONG SPARROW: large flocks east. Mass. Apr. 4; arrived Hanover, N.H. & Livermore Falls, Me., Apr. 2, Wells River, Vt., Apr. 5.
- SNOW BUNTING: flock wintered in N. Chester at manure spread on snow. In March the flock increased enormously, numbering 1000 when they departed, Mar. 27, strikingly late (Eliot).

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This period has offered both contrasts and disappointments to the bird follower. In Massachusetts there was a good wave on April eighteenth and during the warm spell steady migration continued until the twentieth. In eastern Massachusetts from April twenty-second to May second, however, persistent easterly winds with accompanying cold and consequent backward vegetation combined to force migrants to shun the coastal route and to travel up the Connecticut river valley, where these conditions did not prevail. In the valley, therefore, migration continued to be steady with no peaks except on May fifth, thirteenth and fourteenth. The birds due to arrive in eastern Massachusetts during the last half of April came as a whole in a belated wave on May fourth with the vanguard of the first May group, although one or two individuals of the different species had appeared on schedule. The summer residents notably late were the Veery, Chewink and Northern Yellow-throat. On May twelfth and thirteenth summer residents arrived in numbers with a few transients. The day of May fourteenth compensated for the barrenness of the season by bringing a large wave with an abundance of migrants. The day was unsatisfactory for field work because of a cold east wind with rain. At Nahant there was an extraordinary concentration of Chewinks, Oven-birds, White-throats, with at least one hundred Olive-backed Thrushes and sixteen different species of warblers, found low down in the thickets on the west side of the peninsula protected from the storm.

A late season was also reported at Concord, New Hampshire; their big warbler flight day being May thirteenth. Rutland, Vermont had a late warbler migration with small numbers of a species. Normal numbers were attained rather slowly by species at Wells River, Vermont with the exception of the Least Flycatcher which was common from the first. Hadlyme, Connecticut had one of the best migrations, each species arriving in large numbers, the height being reached May sixth and seventh.

Shore birds have behaved similarly to land birds in that there have been one or two very early arrivals, record dates having been broken at Plum Island in the case of the White-rumped Sandpiper and the Sanderling. But there have been no appreciable numbers observed up to the end of the period.

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COMMON LOON: unusually numerous in Conn. valley Ap. 18 - May 15.

PACIFIC LOON: 1 in winter plumage beginning to get square white spots on the back and black at the lower side of the neck, seen close with a Common in Holyoke, May 4 (Bagg, Eliot, Madeira).

WESTERN GREBE: 1, Stanton's Mill Pond, Huntington, May 2, seen at 10 A.M. studied at noon, was shot at, flew up Westfield River, came back at 5 P.M. (Geo. Beals, Jr.); 1, Little Nahant, May 9 (Emilio & Lawson).

- PIED-BILLED GREBE: remarkably scarce as transient in Conn. valley, no definite report in whole period.
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: 1st. seen Nahant, Ap. 24 (Richardson).
- GREAT BLUE HERON: 1st. Ossipee, N. H., Ap. 19 (Mrs. Pratt); latest Holyoke, May 8 (Bagg), Chatham, May 14 (Bishop).
- LITTLE BLUE HERON: 1 ad., Longmeadow, May 9 (Griscom), most unusual in spring.
- GREEN HERON: few in nos. eastern Mass.; Lexington, May 1 (Robbins); Northampton, May 3 (Eliot); East Barnet, Vt., May 13 (Smith).
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: McIndoes, Vt., May 13 (Smith).
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 1, Pepperell, May 12-14 (T. Richards), another rare spring record.
- AM. BITTERN: Manchester, N. H., Ap. 17, Concord, N. H., Ap. 19, Wells River, Vt., May 2; normal nos. not present in Mass. until after May 1.
- LEAST BITTERN: 3, Longmeadow, May 14 (Leshure).
- WHISTLING SWAN: seen & heard, Norwich Lake, Huntington, Ap. 18 & 19 by Wm. Trudell and Fred. Bates.
- CANADA GOOSE: left Merrymeeting Bay, Me. the last week of April and the first week of May, about two weeks earlier than usual (Gross); several late flocks are reported; 300, Middletown, R. I., May 10 (Drury); 13, Clinton Harbor, Conn., May 14 (Holcomb); 15, Belmont, May 15 (Reynolds).
- AM. BRANT: 2, Ipswich, Ap. 16 (Garrison); flock of 7 flying east of Saybrook, Conn., May 2 (Mulliken); 36, S. Chatham, from Ap. 17 - May 2 (Bishop); 27 or more on Sakonnet River, Tiverton, R. I., May 5 (Clement).
- GADWELL: 1 drake, Briggs Marsh, Little Compton, R. I., Ap. 18 (Clement); 2, Newburyport harbor, May 2 (Griscom), very rare migrant in Essex Co.
- BALDPATE: 1 drake, S. Harwich, Ap. 18 - 21 (Bishop).
- PINTAIL. 5, Northampton, Ap. 19 (Miss Doleman); 1 drake flying north, Belmont, May 3 (Robbins).
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL. 3, Northampton, Ap. 20 (Eliot); Sudbury, May 1 (Taber).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 3 drakes, 2 ducks, S. Harwich, Ap. 18-21 (Bishop); Sudbury, May 1 (Taber & Stackpole); Conn. valley Mar. 26-May 2 (Eliot).
- SHOVELLER: 2, Sudbury, Ap. 19 (Griscom); 2, Broad Meadows, Dedham, Ap. 21 & 22 (F. H. Allen); 1 drake, Middletown, R. I., Ap. 24 (Drury).
- REDHEAD: pr. Concord, Ap. 24 (Taber & Stackpole), remarkably late.
- RING-NECKED DUCK: pr. Holyoke, Ap. 18 (Tousey); 18, Berkshire Co., Ap. 24 (Hendricks); 1, Sudbury, Ap. 24 (Taber & Stackpole); 5, Littlefield, Conn. Ap. 25 (Amaden); 13, Newport, Vt., Ap. 28 (Crichton).
- LESSER SCAUP: 5, Sudbury, Ap. 19 (Griscom); pr., Longmeadow, May 2 (Remington).
- SCOTER: Ap. 18 decided Scoter movement along R.I. shore, 1200 birds flying eastward in less than 1/2 hour (Clement); several hundred whitewings plus 2 Americans & 2 Surfs off Plum Is., May 1 (Garrison); many moving off Nahant, May 10 (Richardson).
- AM. GOLDEN-EYE: 2 females, Ludlow reservoir, Ap. 24 (Eliot).
- HOODED MERGANSER: 2 females, Newburyport, Ap. 18 (Garrison); 2 prs. Ludlow reservoir, Ap. 23 (Miss Stebbins), very late, only ones in Conn. valley since Ap. 5; 5, Newport, Vt., Ap. 28 (Crichton).

AM. MERGANSER: Longmeadow, May 6 (Leshure); Belmont, May 15 (Robbins).
 RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 1 drake, Northampton, Ap. 17-21 (Eliot).
 TURKEY VULTURE: unusual no. of reports; Middleboro, Ap. 18 (F.H. Allen);
 by Mt. Tom, Ap. 19 (Tousey & Elkins); Bashbish, Ap. 19 & Woronoco,
 Ap. 20 (Hagar).
 GOSHAWK: Lincoln, Ap. 19 (Griscom).
 SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: poor flight in east. Mass.; a few in April, main
 flight first week in May in Conn. valley.
 COOPER'S HAWK: very few reports from Mass.
 BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 2 or 3 west of Pittsfield, Ap. 17 (Hendricks);
 many Conn. valley, Ap. 19 (Eliot); flight Jaffrey, N.H., Ap. 25
 (T. Richards); 1, Belmont, May 1 (Robbins).
 ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: Mt. Tom, Ap. 29 (Mrs. Elkins), late.
 BALD EAGLE: 2 ad., 3 imm. in period in Conn. valley; also seen in
 West Hartford, Conn., Newport & Wells River, Vt.
 MARSH HAWK: most frequent Conn. valley Ap. 17-29, last reported
 Holyoke, May 7 (Bagg).
 OSPREY: more than usual in migration east. Mass.
 DUCK HAWK: by Ap. 19 had failed to appear at one station near Rutland,
 Vt. (G. Ross); only 3 reports from east. Mass. at Newburyport, Plum I.,
 W. Roxbury; 1, Gayville, Vt., Ap. 24 (Dr. Lord).
 PIGEON HAWK: 4 records Conn. valley, Ap. 19 - May 1; very few along
 the coast.
 VIRGINIA RAIL: Lynnfield, Ap. 18 (Griscom); Northampton, May 5 (Eliot).
 SORA: Topsfield, Ap. 19 (Griscom), early; Longmeadow, May 14 (Eliot).
 FLORIDA GALLINULE: 1 ad. Fall River, May 9 (Clement); 2, Newport, Vt.,
 May 11 (Crichton).
 AM. COOT: Danvers, Ap. 18 (Emilio); Jamaica Pond, Boston, Ap. 27
 (Mrs. Chase); Sudbury, Ap. 25 (Cottrell).
 SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: 2, Rye Beach, N.H., May 6 (Goellner); 3, Chatham,
 May 11 (Bishop); Plum I., May 13 (Safford).
 BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: Monomoy, Ap. 19 (Bishop); Nahant, May 10
 (Richardson).
 RUDDY TURNSTONE: 2, Middletown, R.I., May 9 (Drury); Plum I., May 13
 (Safford).
 WILSON'S SNIBE: remarkable spring flight east. Mass.; 9 feeding in
 plain sight together and several others in same vicinity, Ipswich,
 Ap. 16 (Garrison); extraordinarily scarce in Conn. valley, only 6
 birds reported (Eliot).
 UPLAND PLOVER: 1 on breeding ground, Hadley, Ap. 19 (Miss Smith), 3
 there May 15; 2, Hartford, Ap. 24 (Liche); 1st. seen Newburyport,
 Ap. 25 (Perry); 1, Middletown, R.I., May 2 (Drury).
 SPOTTED SANDPIPER: Northampton, Ap. 19 (Tousey & Eliot); Waltham,
 Ap. 27 (Garrison); Wells River, Vt., May 7 (Smith).
 SOLITARY SANDPIPER: Concord, May 4 (Griscom), early; Longmeadow,
 May 5 (Leshure); Wells River, Vt., May 13 (Smith).
 WILLET: 1, S. Harwich, Ap. 18 (Bishop); 3, Middletown, R.I., Ap. 25
 (Drury).
 GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: 1, Williamsburg, Ap. 16 (Graves); large flight
 at Plum I., May 8 (Safford).
 LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: 1, Concord, May 4 (Griscom), 2nd. spring record
 for the Sudbury valley; 1 seen with Greater in Chicopee, May 15
 (Remington); Nauset, May 11 (Bishop).
 KNOT: Plum I., May 8 (Safford), very early.

- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 1, Ipswich, Ap. 16 (Garrison), very unusual migrant in spring; 2, Chicopee, May 15 (Remington).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: Plum I., May 12 (Safford), very early.
- LEAST SANDPIPER: Southwick, May 8 (Bagg); Plum I., May 9 (Safford).
- RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 6, Rye Beach, N.H., May 6 (Goellner); Plum I., May 8 (Safford).
- DOWITCHER: Plum I., May 8 (Safford).
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: Plum I., May 9 (Safford).
- SANDERLING: Plum I., May 9 (Safford), very early.
- RED PHALAROPE: 1 female in transitional plumage, found dead at Salt Pond, Falmouth, May 8 (Dr. L. C. Jones).
- RING-BILLED GULL: 98, Newburyport harbor, Ap. 24 (Eddy); 60, Middletown, R.I., May 11 (Drury), unusual spring concentrations.
- LAUGHING GULL: 2, Nahant, Ap. 24 (Richardson).
- COMMON TERN: 1, Narragansett Bay, R.I., Ap. 29, at least 3 days earlier than usual (Gibbs); 1, Manchester, May 8 (Curtis), phenomenally early; Plum I., May 13 (Safford).
- ARCTIC TERN: 10, Middletown, R.I., May 14 (Drury).
- ROSEATE TERN: 30, Middletown, R.I., May 14 (Drury).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: Northampton, May 12 (Mrs. Boland); Belmont, May 15 (Robbins).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: Belmont, May 3 (Robbins); mating pr., Longmeadow, May 9 (Griscom); Wells River, Vt., May 14 (Smith).
- SAW-WHET OWL: heard Topsfield, Ap. 19 (Griscom).
- WHIP-POOR-WILL: Granby, Ap. 20 (Schurr), earliest ever in Conn. valley, next, Chester, Ap. 30 (Woods); Belmont, May 1 (Robbins); Manchester, N.H., May 1 (Goellner); Wells River, Vt., May 5 (Smith).
- NIGHTHAWK: Cambridge, May 12 (Robbins); Northampton, May 13 (deRonde); Manchester, N.H., May 13 (Goellner).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT: 1, Southwick, Ap. 27 (Leshure); 2, Concord, May 1 (Richardson); Wells River, Vt., May 5 (Smith).
- HUMMINGBIRD: general arrival Conn. valley May 10 & 11; Wells River, Vt. May 12 (Smith); late in east. Mass., 1st. Cambridge, May 14 (Richardson).
- PILEATED WOODPECKER: 1, Cedar Hill, Hartford, Ap. 17 (McDavid), 1st. report south of Hartford; 1, Hamilton, Ap. 25 (Robbins).
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: larger flight than usual in east. Mass., height Ap. 16-18, as many as 6 in Essex Co., Ap. 18 (Granger); pretty common in Conn. valley, latest date May 15, Athol (Allison); 1, S. Harwich, Ap. 19 (Bishop), unusual on Cape; flight Hanover, N.H., Ap. 18-24; 4, Manchester, N.H., Ap. 18 (Goellner).
- KINGBIRD: general arrival Conn. valley May 5; 1, Waltham, Ap. 29 (Gleason & Morgan), otherwise much later in east. Mass., May 12-14; Nashua, N.H., May 10 (Mrs. Mills).
- CRESTED FLYCATCHER: Hingham, May 6 (Buchheister); Conn. valley May 9.
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: general arrival Mass. May 2 on; Hanover, N.H. & Livermore Falls, Me., May 5; Wells River, Vt., May 6.
- WOOD PEWEE: 1, Nahant, May 12 (Griscom), very early; general arrival breeding grounds Conn. valley, May 13 & 14.
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: 1, Northampton, May 12, Springfield, May 15 (Eliot); Hanover, N. H., May 12 (Mrs. Mills).
- BANK SWALLOW: 2, Middletown, R.I., Ap. 23, then common (Drury); W. Peabody, May 2 (Griscom).

- ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: steadily spreading northward and eastward of the Conn. valley in Mass.; 1, Lynn, Ap. 18 (Granger), earliest ever; 1, Westfield, Ap. 20 (Eliot), earliest ever for that region; seen in Florence, S. Harwich, Belmont, Waltham, Ipswich; pr. Lewiston, Vt., May 13, first time in years at Hanover, N. H. (Dr. Lord); 1, Wells River, Vt., May 15 (Smith), seen in that locality before but rare.
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 2, New Salem, Ap. 18 (Allison); back at Concord, Ap. 25 (Griscom).
- PURPLE MARTIN: Breeding colonies- returned S. Carver, Ap. 11, Enfield N. H., Ap. 25 (Mrs. Forsyth); always rare on migration, 5, Middletown, R. I., May 8 (Drury), 1, Nahant, May 10 (Griscom).
- BROWN CREEPER: last Northampton, Ap. 24 (Eliot); Belmont, May 1 (Robbins).
- HOUSE WREN: general arrival Conn. valley Ap. 26 & 27 though one came to old nest box at Northampton, Ap. 24 (Eliot); 1, Belmont, Ap. 30 (Robbins); Manchester, N. H., May 3 (Goellner); Hanover, N.H. May 6.
- WINTER WREN: an unusual no. of records east. Mass. Ap. 19 - May 11 at Brookline, Cambridge, Belmont and Rowley; last Hartford, Ap. 24, Conn. valley May 8, Manchester, N. H., May 4.
- CAROLINA WREN: 2 prs. Middletown, R. I., 1 pr. Portsmouth, R. I., Ap. 25 (Drury).
- LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: Longmeadow, May 7 (Remington); Essex Co., May 9 (Emilio); Rutland, Vt., May 9 (Ross); Newport, Vt., May 11 (Crichton).
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: Sudbury, May 5 (Griscom); Longmeadow, May 8 (Bagg); 2, Manchester, N. H., May 10 (Provost).
- MOCKINGBIRD: 1, S. Harwich, May 12 (Bishop).
- CATBIRD: Northampton, Ap. 30 (Eliot); general arrival east. Mass. May 6, Manchester, N. H., May 8, Wells River, Vt., May 10.
- BROWN THRASHER: 1, Harvard, Ap. 19 (Peters), very early; not common east Mass. until May 6; 1, New Salem, Ap. 18 (Allison), Agawam, Ap. 21 (Remington); Hanover, N. H., May 7 (Mrs. Mills).
- WOOD THRUSH: Amherst, Ap. 29 (Mrs. Cutler); Lincoln, May 4 (Griscom); general arrival Conn. valley May 5, east. Mass. May 12; 1st. at Manchester, N. H., May 7 (Goellner).
- HERMIT THRUSH: many more than last year on outer Cape (Bishop); peak nos. Conn. valley Ap. 18-19, last seen Hadley, May 12 (Eliot).
- OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: Cambridge, May 5 (Eddy); Springfield, May 8 (Remington); extraordinary concentration of at least 100, Nahant, May 14 (Griscom).
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: Springfield, May 11 (Leshure); Nahant, May 12 (Emilio).
- VEERY: Cambridge, Ap. 30 (Eddy); Harvard, May 4 (Peters); Northampton, May 6 (Eliot); general arrival very late throughout Mass.
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: 3 strays in Mass.- Needham, Ap. 27 (Mrs. Bartlett), Milton, May 9 (J. Greenberg); Brookline, May 11 (S. Cabot, Jr.)
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: common Conn. valley Ap. 17 - May 5, last seen May 12 (Eliot); abundant Manchester, N. H., Ap. 18 - May 13 (Goellner).
- PIPIT: 5, Northampton, May 1 (Eliot); Williamsburg, May 2-10 (Graves).

- MIGRANT SHRIKE: Newburyport, Ap. 18 (Griscom et al); Easthampton, Ap. 17 (Hunt); Florence, Ap. 18 (Madeira); Hadley, Ap. 30 (Eliot), much the latest date for non-breeder in that locality.
- WHITE-EYED VIREO: common Hadlyme, Conn., May 7 (Brockway); Longmeadow, May 7 (Miss Stebbins).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: scarce and late throughout Mass.; Lynn, May 6 (R. Batchelder); Cambridge, May 12; in comparison to last year, no transients in Conn. valley, 1, Northampton, May 5 (de Ronde); Longmeadow, May 7 (Leshure); Hadlyme, Conn., May 5 (Brockway); 1, Great Barrington, May 9 (Garrison).
- BLUE-HEADED VIREO: Medfield & Northampton, Ap. 19; unusually common in east. Mass. throughout period; Concord, N. H., Ap. 23 (F. B. White).
- RED-EYED VIREO: Northampton, May 6 (Eliot); Lincoln, May 12 (Richardson); Manchester, N. H., May 13 (Goellner); Wells River, Vt., May 15 (Smith).
- WARBLING VIREO: Northampton, May 4 (Eliot); Cambridge, May 6 (Elkins); Concord, N. H., May 7 (F. B. White).
- BLACK & WHITE WARBLER: Concord, Ap. 24 (Taber & Stackpole); Huntington, Ap. 27 (Cross); Hadlyme, Conn. Ap. 29 (Brockway); general arrival remarkably late.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 seen at Worcester, May 14 (Mabel J. Lewis).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: Northampton, May 5 (Eliot); Lynn, May 6 (Batchelder).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: Longmeadow, May 5 (Remington); common Hadlyme, Conn., May 7 (Brockway); 1, Middletown, R. I., May 13 (Drury).
- BREWSTER'S WARBLER: Forest Park, Springfield, May 7 for third successive year (Leshure).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER: Springfield, May 8 (Leshure), next Northampton, May 13 (Madeira); 1st. east. Mass., Cambridge, May 15 (Elkins).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: Easthampton, May 1 (Eliot); Cambridge, May 4 (Griscom); remarkably scarce in east. Mass.; Ossipee, N.H. May 5 (Pratt).
- PARULA WARBLER: late in arriving throughout Mass.; Belmont, May 2 (Robbins); Springfield region May 3 (Miss Stebbins); S. Harwich, May 5 (Bishop); Manchester, N. H. & Wells River, Vt., May 5.
- YELLOW WARBLER: late in arriving throughout Mass.
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 2, Northampton, May 2 (Miss Doleman); 1, Lynn, May 4 (R. Batchelder); scarce throughout period in Conn. valley; big wave east. Mass. May 14.
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: only 3 individuals reported from Conn. valley, May 5-13 (Eliot); 1, Belmont, May 12 (Elkins).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: arrived Longmeadow & Williamsburg, May 3; Cambridge, May 12; Hanover, N.H., May 6; Wells River, Vt., May 6; Bath, Me., May 12 (French).
- MYRTLE WARBLER: last seen outer Cape May 9 (Bishop).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: Williamsburg, Ap. 24 (Graves); Peabody, May 1 (Garrison); general arrival very belated in Mass.; Wells River, Vt., May 4 (Smith); Ossipee, N. H., May 7 (Mrs. Pratt).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: Waltham, Ap. 29 (Bergstrom & Garrison); Belmont, May 1 (Robbins); Springfield, May 3 (Miss Stebbins); Manchester & Hanover, N. H., May 5.

- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: Easthampton, May 4 (deRonde); Manchester, N.H., May 4 (Goellner); Harvard, May 5 (Peters); Wells River, Vt., May 6 (Smith).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: Bashbish, May 9 (Hagar); Amherst, May 13 (Mrs. Cutler); arrived east. Mass. May 14; several Northampton, May 14 on.
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: Lynn, May 5 (R. Batchelder); Pr. Northampton, May 5 (Miss Doleman); Belmont, May 8 (Garrison).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: Lynn, May 5 (R. Batchelder); general arrival east. Mass. May 6; Longmeadow, May 7 (Miss Stebbins).
- WESTERN PALM WARBLER: 1, Orleans, Ap. 21 (Bishop).
- YELLOW PALM WARBLER: common Conn. valley Ap. 14 - May 5, last seen May 12 (Eliot); good spring flight east. Mass. Ap. 15 - May 9, Cambridge, (Eddy).
- OVEN-BIRD: east. Mass. May 2, not common till May 6; Northampton, May 4, rather late.
- NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: in normal numbers to date.
- LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: regular male returned to Sunderland, Ap. 14 (Mrs. Whitmore); 1, Belmont, Ap. 24 (Robbins); Hadlyme, Conn., Ap. 24 (Brockway).
- NORTHERN YELLOW-THROAT: late; 1st. east. Mass. May 6, not common till May 12; Conn. valley May 5, not common for a week afterwards; Wells River, Vt., May 13 (Smith).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: common Hadlyme, Conn., May 7 (Brockway).
- HOODED WARBLER: common Hadlyme, Conn., May 7 (Brockway).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: Springfield, May 8, (Leshure), no more till May 13; 2, Cambridge, May 13 (Garrison).
- CANADA WARBLER: Lincoln, May 12 (Griscom); arrived breeding grounds, Williamsburg, May 11 (Madeira).
- REDSTART: general arrival Mass. late.
- BOBOLINK: Longmeadow, May 2 (Remington); Concord, May 6 (Griscom); Manchester, N. H., May 5 (Goellner).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1, Hammonasset Conn. singing daily since May 9 (Meigs); 1, Ware, May 10 (Conkey); 1, Barnstable, May 11 (Bishop); 1, Chicopee, May 14 (Remington).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: Belmont, May 5 (Robbins); general arrival Conn. valley, May 5, east. Mass. May 6.
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: continued scarce all over Mass., largest flock east. Mass., 12, Concord, Ap. 19 (Griscom).
- SCARLET TANAGER: general arrival Conn. valley, May 6; east. Mass. May 12.
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBILL: Northampton, May 5, east. Mass. May 6, common May 12.
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1st. arrival Conn. valley & Belmont, May 13.
- DICKCISSEL: 1, Agawam race-track, Ap. 18 (Remington); only other Conn. valley records, May 1866 & May 1889.
- EVENING GROSBILL: in small flocks Conn. valley till at least May 10; left Hanover, N. H., May 1.
- REDPOLL: 1, Brookline, Ap. 19 (Ernst); Livermore Falls, Me., Ap. 17 & 21 (French).
- PINE SISKIN: remaining late; unusually numerous and widespread in Conn. valley; 25, Hartford, Conn. May 1 (McDavid).
- EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH: 1st. seen well and identified in a flock of American Goldfinches, Hanover, N. H., May 13 (Mrs. Mills and Dr. Lord).
- WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: 3, Andover, May 3 (Mrs. Edwin T. Brewster).

TOWHEE: late in arriving generally; 1, Ludlow, Ap. 20 (Remington), next Conn. valley Ap. 29; Belmont, Ap. 25 (Robbins); abundant outer Cape, May 5.

IPSWICH SPARROW: 1, Ipswich, Ap. 19 (Griscom).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1, Hadley, May 1 (Remington); 2, Lexington, May 6 (F. H. Allen); 5 in field back of Great Pond, Eastham, May 14 (Bishop).

HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 1, Longmeadow, Ap. 30 (Leshure); 2 seen and heard in Concord where they bred last year on May 5, five days earlier than ever recorded in that region (Griscom); 1, Wells River, Vt., May 13 (Smith), 1st. known record for that section nearer than Dorset.

SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 1, S. Chatham, May 12 and 1, Morris I. flats, May 14 (Bishop).

SEASIDE SPARROW: very rare coastal summer resident, 1 in the grassy stretch between Morris I. and Chatham, May 14 (Bishop).

TREE SPARROW: last at Concord, Ap. 24 (Taber & Stackpole).

CHIPPING SPARROW: general arrival late; Beverly, Ap. 17 (Curtis).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: Springfield, May 7 (Miss Bowen); Harvard, May 11 (Peters); Plum I., May 13 (Safford).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: extraordinarily scarce in east. Mass. and Ossipee, N. H.

FOX SPARROW: last stragglers, 1, Hartford, Ap. 17 (McDavid); Arboretum, Boston, May 2 (Mrs. Mills).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 3, Nahant, May 14 (Griscom).

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Observing the latter half of the spring migration of land birds in eastern Massachusetts was a sporting proposition due to prevailing easterly storms on the days of big waves, rendering it necessary to search for specialties in dense fog or rain. This was the case on May 23 (there was no wave of importance from May 14 until this date) and on May 27, both notable late flight days bringing an exceptional number of Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and Gray-cheeked Thrushes. The Connecticut Valley shared the wave of May 22'-24, with no transients left there on the 25th. Essex County had no migrants remaining on the 30th. As a whole the small bird flight has been poor throughout New England, resulting in few records of the rarer transients, the Bay-breasted, Cape May and Tennessee Warblers and the White-crowned Sparrow. Outstanding this year is the scarcity of White-throated Sparrows. Two hundred miles north-east of Montreal on the St. Maurice River, a place in the direct line of flight of many birds, there was practically not a warbler until a few days before May 28 and then there were very few. The season was more advanced there than usual.

A warm spell over the week-end of May 30 at the height of the shore-bird migration undoubtedly accelerated their belated northward flight. The flight was poor at Little Compton, Rhode Island, except for Turnstones and Black-bellied Plover. Along the outer Massachusetts coast Turnstones were plentiful at Monomoy, but the more interesting species have been either entirely lacking, as for instance the Curlew, or only isolated individuals have been seen. On June 13, Shore-birds were still present in good numbers at Monomoy remarkably late.

There have been an unusual number of spring records of southern Herons.

In June there has been an adequate rainfall to compensate for the deficiency of the past few months, so that the country-side is fresh and green, inviting the "Birder" to seek out Summer Residents.

Juliet Richardson.

COMMON LOON: still migrating northwards on coast of Rhode Island and Massachusetts on May 30; last at Ashley Ponds, Holyoke, May 16; 1 still on Norwich Lake, May 25 (Trudell); 1, Queen Lake Phillips-ton, May 30-31 (Allison) - Birds have been seen at Queen Lake in almost every recent summer and almost certainly next in the vicinity, though not on the lake (Eliot).

PACIFIC LOON: on Ashley Pond, Holyoke, May 23, 1 exactly like the one there on May 8 (Bagg).

RED-THROATED LOON: Essex County, May 30 (Emilio); 1 in full breeding plumage, off Manchester, June 6 (R.J.Eaton).

HORNED GREBE: Ashley Pond, Holyoke, May 16 (Griscom), latest.

SOCTY SHEARWATER: 1 just off beach, Middletown, R.I., May 29 (Drury); 1 off Plum I. at north end with Gulls, May 30 (Safford).

WILSON'S PETREL: numerous between Newport and Block I., R.I., June 5 & 6 (Drury); 10 off Minot's Light, June 6 (Taber & Stackpole), early.

GANNET: exceptionally few reports this spring; 1, Plum I., May 17 (M. Foster); 1, Cohasset, June 9 (Taber & Stackpole).

GREAT BLUE HERON: Chester, May 17 (Woods); 4, Plum I., June 2 (Richardson); Fitzwilliam, N.H., June 13 (Taber), possibly breeding; observed daily Water Village, Ossipee, N.H. (Mrs. Pratt).

AMERICAN EGRET: 1, Orleans, May 22 (Gleason & Morgan).

LITTLE BLUE HERON: adult in Night Heron rookery, Marshfield, May 23 (W.G.Harris & J.D Smith); Bristol, Conn. May 16 (Bruen).

GREEN HERON: 7, Essex Co., May 27 (Griscom), unusually numerous.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: Marshfield rookery 300-500 birds (Smith).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: Cohasset, June 7 (Taber & Stackpole); Falmouth, May 27 (Dr. C.L.Jones).

AMERICAN BITTERN: pumping late at Wayland, June 15 (Richardson); 1 lit on rocks 50 ft. offshore at Glades, Cohasset, June 9 (Taber).

LEAST BITTERN: heard cooing, Lynnfield, May 23 & 27 (Griscom); back at Horn Pond, Woburn, June 12 (F. Elkins); none found at Fall River where there were 2 prs. last year (Clement).

CANADA GOOSE: flock, Plum I., May 18 & 20, 1 remaining June 3 (Safford).

AMERICAN BRANT: 30, Middletown, R.I., May 17 (Drury); 5, Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom); 1, Little Compton, R.I., June 12 (Clement).

RED-LEGGED BLACK DUCK: 30, Newburyport Harbor, May 27 (Griscom), latest.

MALLARD: 1 drake, Newburyport Harbor, May 27 (Griscom), latest.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: pr. Longmeadow, May 19 (Dietrich); at Ipswich, May 23 (Emilio), probably breeding; 1, Newburyport Harbor, May 27 (Griscom); nesting in S. Windsor, Conn. swamp, seen June 12 (Fellows et al).

WOOD DUCK: good concentration of 70, Lynnfield, May 27 (Griscom); brood of 12 in city of Northampton, June 11 (Eames).

SCAUP: probably Lesser, unable to fly, May 30 & June 12, Monomoy (Griscom).

AMERICAN EIDER: 21 Monomoy, May 30, 24 June 12 (Griscom).

KING EIDER: 1 drake in practically full breeding plumage off Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom).

AMERICAN SCOTER: 1 drake, Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: big flight, May 30, 800 off Middletown, R.I. (Drury), 500 plus off Monomoy (Griscom).

HOODED MERGANSER: 2 prs. breeding at Pepperell (T. Richards).

AMERICAN MERGANSER: probably breeding at Pepperell, suspicious female seen, 1st June record (T. Richards).

RED-TAILED HAWK: 2, Greenbush, May 31 (Stackpole), probably breeding.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: Topsfield, May 21 (Griscom); Conn. Valley May 16 (Eliot).

BALD EAGLE: 2, Holyoke, May 16 (Eliot et al); 1, May 16 & June 5, at the "Notch" east of Mt. Holyoke (Green & de Ronde); 1, N. Carver, 2, Wareham, May 29 (Griscom).

- MARSH HAWK: apparently nesting in Hatfield, June 5 (Madeira) and New Salem, May 16 & 24 (Allison); also seen Barre, May 24 (Read), uncommon in western part of state.
- OSPREY: several late birds, Holyoke, May 24 (Eliot); Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom); Cohasset, June 7 (Taber & Stackpole).
- DUCK HAWK: back at nesting site, Kensington, Conn. (Schmidt); seen Suffield, Conn. in May; Plum I., May 25 (Safford).
- PIGEON HAWK: Topsfield, May 21 (Griscom).
- RUFFED GROUSE: many nests on Goss Heights, Huntington (Cross), 2 broods seen there on June 5.
- KING RAIL: heard at Longmeadow, May 16 (Bagg, Griscom, Madeira), not heard there June 1.
- FLORIDA GALLINULE: Lynnfield, May 23 (Eaton & Scott); breeding pr. back at Lake Pontoosuc, Pittsfield (Touseys).
- SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER: Chicopee, May 18 (Dietrich); not many at Monomoy (Bishop).
- KILLDEER: tiny young, Chicopee, May 22; 10, Hardwick, May 16; 6 Athol May 26, unusual there (Allison).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: less than last year in spring, Monomoy (Bishop).
- GOLDEN PLOVER: Plum I., May 25 & 26 (Safford).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE: 1000, Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom).
- WOODCOCK: by June 4, 23 nests found in Washington Co., Me; 1st nest 2 eggs, Ap. 16, 1st nest 4 eggs, Ap. 25; 1st brood hatched May 8; 1st young able to fly May 19; 2 nests with unpipped eggs June 4 (G. Swanson); last "peent" heard at Water Village, Ossipee, N.H., May 27 (Mrs. Pratt).
- WILSON'S SNIPER: heard winooing very late at Rock Meadow, Belmont, May 21 (Griscom & Touseys).
- UPLAND PLOVER: scarce in Essex Co., breeding on Common Pasture, Newburyport (Emilio); seen Plum I., May 21 (Safford); Suffield, Conn., June 13 (C.H.Blake).
- WILLET: rare in spring in Essex Co., 2, Ipswich, June 2 (Griscom).
- GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: remarkably scarce this spring on the whole; 9, Rowley, June 11 (R. Batchelder).
- KNOT: rare Essex Co. spring migrant, 1, Ipswich, June 2 (Griscom); in fairly good numbers at Monomoy, peak of flight there not until June 13 (Griscom).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 50, Middletown, R.I., May 16 (Drury); 60, Hampton Beach, N.H., May 22 (Goellner), late.
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 2, Grafton, May 16 (Crompton).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 2, Plum I., May 23 (Walcott); 1, Monomoy, May 30, 2, June 3 (Bishop).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 1, Lynn Beach, June 8 (F. Elkins), 2nd spring sight record for Essex Co.
- LEAST SANDPIPER: in small numbers this spring.
- RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: scarcer than usual this spring; 4, Essex Co., June 2 (Griscom).
- DOWITCHER: flight Newport, Vt., May 25 (Crichton); flights Plum I., May 25 & 28 (Safford); spring flight on the whole very poor.
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: in unusual numbers along coast; Chicopee May 16 & 18 (Eliot); New Salem, May 24, (Allison).
- SANDERLING: abundant, Monomoy, May 30 & still common June 13 (Bishop).

- RED PHALAROPE: 1 female in full breeding plumage, tame, feeding on beach of pond at tip of Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom et al).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 off Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom et al).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 4, Monomoy Pt., May 30 & June 12; 50 Newburyport, June 6 (Griscom).
- ARCTIC TERN: 60-70, Plymouth, May 25 & 26 (Hagar); 20 prs. at Monomoy Pt., 2 nests, 1 egg plus 2 eggs, May 30 (Griscom); nesting at Nauset (T. Eliot); 2, Plum I., June 6 (Griscom).
- ROSEATE TERN: general increase on outer Cape; 30 migrants still present Plum I., June 6 (Griscom).
- LEAST TERN: 4, Plum I., May 17 (M. Foster), accidental straggler in Essex Co.
- CASPIAN TERN: Middletown, R.I., May 29 (Drury).
- BLACK TERN: 4, Middletown, R.I., May 20 & 21 (Drury); Plymouth, May 25 & 26 (Hagar); 1, Little Compton, R.I., June 12 (Clement), late.
- RAZOR-BILLED AUK: a bird, dead perhaps 2 weeks, found on Nauset Beach, June 12 (T. Eliot).
- DOVEKIE: 1 off Ogunquit, Me., May 30 (R. Peabody), very late.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1st Manchester, N.H., May 23 (Goellner); Both Cuckoos are numerous in Essex County this spring. There is a big infestation of Gypsy Moths.
- WHIP-POOR-WILL: eggs found in Huntington, May 24 (Cross); heard in Lincoln, June 15 (Richardson).
- NIGHTHAWK: Hanover, N.H., May 17, nesting on college roofs (Mrs. Mills); flight Plum I., May 24 (Safford); arrived Wells River, Vt., May 24 (Smith).
- HUMMINGBIRD: arrived Manchester, N.H., May 16 (Goellner); remarkable late flight over Plum I. dunes, May 23 (Griscom); nest-building Huntington, May 24 (Cross).
- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: Pittsfield, May 16 (S.F. Clark).
- AMERICAN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER: exceedingly rare resident of northern New England, 1 seen within 20 ft. at base of Jennings Peak, Waterville Valley, N.H., May 31 (Taber & Touseys).
- CRESTED FLYCATCHER: becoming more common Essex Co. where formerly rare, new nesting sites, Manchester (R.J. Eaton), Andover (Douglas Byers); unusually scarce in Conn. Valley but breeding in the western hills in 4 places (Eliot); arrived Manchester, N.H. May 21 (Goellner); seen Thetford, Vt. May 29, pr. W. Lebanon, N.H., June 3 (Mrs. Mills).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: rare migrant through eastern Mass., more seen than usual; 2, Nahant, May 23, 4, Nahant, May 27, 1 singing, most unusual on migration (Griscom); 6, Conn. Valley, May 21-28 (Eliot); unusual number Manchester, N.H., May 23-31 (Goellner); arrived Wells River, Vt., May 27 (Smith).
- ALDER FLYCATCHER: Springfield, May 7 (Leshure); Longmeadow, May 16 (Remington); Lynnfield, May 23 (Griscom); Wells River, Vt., May 25 (Smith); at least 4 breeding prs. Essex Co., Mass.
- WOOD PEWEE: arrived Wells River, Vt., May 20 (Smith); Water Village, Ossipee, N.H., May 26 (Mrs. Pratt).
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: more than usual eastern Mass; 1, Brookline, May 10 (R. Ernst); 1, Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, May 16-18 (R. Tousey); 2, New Salem, May 16 (Allison); arrived Wells River, Vt., May 20

(Smith); 1, Northampton, May 22 (Eliot); 2, Nahant, courting, May 27 (Griscom); 1 in song, Andover, June 6 (Emilio); breeding in Goshen (Dietrich) and Hanover, N.H. (Mrs. Mills); 1, Fitzwilliam, N.H., June 13 (W. Taber), quite far south for a breeding bird.

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: seen throughout period in small numbers, S. Harwich & S. Chatham, though no evidence of its breeding found (Bishop).

CLIFF SWALLOW: increase of nesting colonies in east. Mass., the most notable 3 prs. in barn in Barnstable, May 29, 6 prs., June 13 (Griscom); 1, S. Chatham, June 7 (Bishop).

PURPLE MARTIN: 2, Plum I., May 16 (R. Curtis), rare migrant in Essex Co; 1 female, Williamsburg, May 29, examining nesting places but driven away by Swallows and Bluebirds (Graves).

CANADA JAY: 2, base of Jennings Peak, Waterville Valley, N.H., May 31 (Taber & Touseys).

NORTHERN RAVEN: new nest found at Brown's Pt., Bristol, Me. (Buchheister).

FISH CROW: 2, Little Compton, R.I., May 30 (Clement); 1, Middletown, R.I., May 20 (Drury).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: due to lack of fall flight, only 1 reported all spring, at Amherst.

HOUSE WREN: increasingly common Essex Co. (Emilio).

LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: 1 transient singing, Northampton, May 23 (Eliot); reported as heard singing, Hanover, N.H., May 29 (W. Vaughan).

SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: 2, Fitzwilliam, N.H., June 13 (W. Taber), at unusually high altitude (800 ft.) for this species; seen at Thetford, Vt., May 29 (Mrs. Mills).

MOCKINGBIRD: Manchester, N.H., May 25 (Goellner).

BROWN THRASHER: not seen since migration on outer Cape, last year a common summer resident (Bishop).

OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: arrived Wells River, Vt., May 19 (Smith); Manchester, N.H., May 16 (Goellner).

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: unusual opportunity for comparison with Bicknell's & Olive-backed, all together at Plum I., May 23 (Griscom); 2 Conn. Valley, May 16 (Eliot et al); Cambridge, May 22 (Griscom et al).

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: Plum I., May 23 (Griscom and many others). Birds seen at Cambridge, May 24 & Little Nahant, May 27, probably this sub-species (Griscom).

VEERY: unusually common in Essex Co. (Emilio).

CEDAR WAXWING: unusual numbers, Hanover, N.H., May 29-June 5 (Mills).

WHITE-EYED VIREO: 1 very surprisingly in Goshen, May 29 (Bagg); only pr. known of this year in Hartford, Conn. region at Wethersfield (Holcomb).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: arrived Wells River, Vt., May 22 (Smith).

BLUE-HEADED VIREO: transients still in Northampton & Cambridge, May 22

RED-EYED VIREO: arrived Wells River, Vt., May 18 (Smith).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO: very rare migrant, 1, Nahant, May 23 (Griscom).

WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1, Pelham, May 24, perfect view & singing (Bagg).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 2, Grafton, May 16 (Crompton); pr. S. Ashley, May 16 (Griscom et al); 1 singing in Lanesboro, May 23 (Hendricks), rare in all 5 western counties; 1, Marshfield, May 27 (Hagar), 1st there in 30 years.

- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: only 1 east. Mass., male, Cambridge, May 24 (Griscom).
- LAWRENCE'S WARBLER: Cedar Hill, Hartford, Conn., May 22 (McDavid).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER: reported only at Kensington in Conn. in May census (Holcomb); none at Wells River, Vt., 1st season that a few have not been seen, usually it is fairly common (Smith); 1, Cambridge, May 17 (Griscom).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: unusually scarce in east. Mass. this year.
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1, Water Village, Ossipee, N.H., May 26 (Mrs. Pratt); very rare there.
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: last seen Conn. Valley, May 27 (Eliot).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: unusual number all in song, Rutland, Vt., May 16 (G. Ross); 1 female, Cambridge, May 17 (Griscom); only 1 reported near Hartford, Conn., May 22 (McDavid); female, Northampton, May 22 (Eliot); 1, Springfield, May 25 (Remington).
- MYRTLE WARBLER: last Conn. Valley, May 22 (Eliot); breeding as usual at Phillipston (Allison); singing male, Andover, June 6 (Emilio); Fitzwilliam, N.H., June 13 (Taber), low altitude for a breeding bird.
- SYCAMORE WARBLER: the first record for Mass. was made last year in Mt. Auburn, Cambridge. This year another male was seen at the same place on May 16 by Messrs. F.H. Allen, G. Sands & Robert Walcott.
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: park woods at Hanover, N.H. full of them, June 4 (Mrs. Mills), late migration?
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: 4, Manchester, N.H., May 16-21 (Goellner); through May 22 at Northampton (Eliot); several Essex Co. including Plum I., May 23 (Griscom, Emilio et al); 1, New Salem, May 24 (Allison); 2 females, Cambridge, May 24 (Griscom); only 1 seen at Wells River, Vt. all spring on May 28 (Smith).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 1st Manchester, N.H., May 16, last June 1 (Goellner); 1st Hanover, N.H., May 19 (Mrs. Mills); last Conn. Valley, May 29, extraordinarily early (Eliot); passed through quickly and early at Wells River, Vt., 1st May 23, last May 30, an unusually early date (Smith).
- PINE WARBLER: less common than last year on outer Cape (Bishop).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: unusually common in Essex Co. (Emilio).
- LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: 1, Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, May 17 (Eddy); nest with 7 eggs, Huntington, May 27 (Cross).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1, Bristol, Conn. May 15 (Bassett & Merrill); 1 female in Amherst, May 22, very closely studied (Mrs. W.S. Welles).
- MOURNING WARBLER: arrived Wells River, Vt., May 22 (Smith); male, Northampton, May 23-24 (Eliot et al); very rare migrant Essex Co., 1 singing in West Peabody, May 27 (Griscom); seen at Manchester, N.H., June 4 (Goellner).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 2 singing males in Montserrat in mid-May, 1 still there (Emilio); at Longmeadow & W. Springfield, May 16 (Eliot et al).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: unusually numerous on migration east. Mass; arrived Wells River, Vt., May 18 (Smith).
- CANADA WARBLER: unusually scarce on migration east. Mass; several W. Andover, June 6 (Emilio), probably summer residents; number at Hanover, N.H., May 28 (Mrs. Mills).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: very rare migrant, at Topsfield, May 16 (Emilio) and on the same day a young male at Longmeadow (Scott).

SCARLET TANAGER: very common this year in Essex Co. (Emilio); arrived Wells River, Vt., May 24 (Smith).
INDIGO BUNTING: more numerous than for many years in Essex Co. (Emilio); arrived Wells River, Vt., May 19 (Smith).
PINE SISKIN: late flock of 100 at Cedar Hill, Hartford, Conn., May 22 (Fellows); last Conn. Valley, May 25 (Eliot), notably late; flock still at Waltham, June 9 (Garrison).
RED-EYED TOWHEE: arrived Hanover, N.H., May 21 (Mrs. Mills), Wells River, Vt., May 22 (Smith).
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 5 males and 1 young seen in Essex Co., about 5 times more than usual (Emilio); Grafton, May 16 (Crompton); Lanesboro, May 23 (Hendricks); seen at Manchester, N.H., June 2 & 15 (Goellner).
HENLOW'S SPARROW: back at nesting ground Tiverton, R.I. (Clement); new colony discovered at Northampton (Madeira); has not returned to former breeding place on Lexington-Burlington line.
ACADIAN SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom).
SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: plentiful Hammonasset, Conn. (Holcomb); Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom).
SEASIDE SPARROW: 3, East River, Conn., June 7 (Holcomb).
JUNCO: nesting at Sharon, most unusual (W. Taber); Williamsburg, June 11, doubtless nesting (Graves); Fitzwilliam, N.H., June 13 (Taber), low altitude for a breeder.
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: big flight at Plum I., May 17-23 (Safford); last in Conn. Valley and Manchester, N.H., May 23.
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: far less than usual this year.
LINCOLN'S SPARROW: Longmeadow, May 14 (Leshure); several Conn. Valley May 20-24, later than usual (Eliot et al); Hanover, N.H., May 19 & 20 (Mrs. Mills); Nahant, May 23 (Emilio); Manchester, N.H., May 16 & 26 (trapped and banded, Goellner); Boston Public Garden, May 25 (Chase).

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Most of the land birds have completed a successful breeding season. Many young have been reared and are plentiful throughout the countryside. The incessant rain of the last half of June caused young Tern mortality at Plymouth and Penikese Island, at the latter place three-quarters of the first batch perished, but a second laying has taken place.

Shore birds have been found in greater numbers than is usual so early in the year, giving the first definite signs of fall. Of unusual occurrence this year is the number of Wilson's Petrels seen from land at different places. Generally one has to take a boat offshore in order to find them.

This year, under the direction of the Biological Survey, ten stations for banding Gulls were established in various parts of the country, each station using a different combination of colored celluloid bands. This is to help plot the Herring Gull migration. The co-operation of "Birders" would be appreciated. Send to Washington reports of banded Gulls which you see. A black band on one foot signifies that the bird was banded as an adult. The other leg will carry the station mark, different combinations of aluminum, red, orange and blue bands. Be on the watch out!

Juliet Richardson.

COMMON LOON: 1, flying north, Monomoy, June 26 (Griscom); as usual a few non-breeding birds are reported offshore, about 8, adults and immatures constantly off beach at Middletown, R.I. (W. Drury, Jr.); 2 off Marblehead Neck, June 29 (Miss Whitcomb).

LEACH'S PETREL: 1 pr. nesting at Penikese Is., its most southerly breeding point, probably more as others have been heard. (Fletcher).

WILSON'S PETREL: Reported from several localities; 22 moving north at Monomoy Point, several near beach, June 19, the first time Mr. Griscom had ever seen this bird from shore; 40-45, off Middletown, R.I., June 20 (Drury); Plymouth Harbor, June 24 (Hagar) & 10 there, July 1 (Bishop); several 100, Barnstable Harbor, July 3 (Hagar); 3, Plum Is., July 15, the first time Mr. Emilio had ever seen the bird from land.

EASTERN BROWN PELICAN: an accidental visitor to New England from South Carolina southward, 1 seen July 9 on a reef called Ragged Rocks, just inside Dumpling Light at the western entrance to Buzzards Bay (Dr. & Mrs. Henry D. Prescott). The Cape Cod Colonial of July 12 speaks of a Pelican halfway down the west side of Monomoy; apparently on July 11, feeding at nets. This must have been the same bird.

- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: 10-12 most of the time along shore, Middletown, R.I., 25-30, June 23 (Drury); 18, Sagamore, June 25 (Hagar); 1, Chatham, July 3 (Griscom); 1, Plum Is., July 4 (Safford).
- GREAT BLUE HERON: Middletown, R.I., June 20 & July 10 (Drury); 1, Williamsburg, June 18, 22, 25, 27, nesting nearby? (Graves); southbound unusually early in numbers; 8, Rowley, July 5 (Ruth Batchelder); 1, Longmeadow, July 5 (Dietrich); at least 6, Monomoy, July 11, (Griscom & Bishop).
- AMERICAN EGRET: Little Compton, R.I., June 19 & July 5 (Clement); first reported Northampton, July 12 (Jenks), Ipswich, July 14 (Mrs. Dubois).
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 1 imm., Ipswich, July 7 (Foster & Griscom); 1, Monomoy, July 8 (Bishop).
- AM. BITTERN: still "pumping" at Rowley, July 11, late (Batchelder).
- LEAST BITTERN: breeding in swamp, S. Windsor, Conn. (Miss Holcomb).
- COMMON BLACK DUCK: apparently breeding very well this year on outer Cape (Bishop).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: apparently nested again at Ipswich, 1 male seen, June 27 (Emilio); 5 prs. in Little Compton & Westport, R.I., July 5, 1 nest found with 7 eggs, last year on the same date the ducklings were out (Clement & Drury); 1 in cat-tail marsh, Monomoy, July 11, possibly breeding bird (Griscom).
- LESSER SCAUP: same drake present at the Monomoy Point pond throughout period (Griscom).
- OLD-SQUAW: 1 female, Middletown, R.I., June 29, July 9 & 13 (Drury); 1 oiled female, Chatham, June 26-30 (Griscom); 1 male in breeding plumage, Rockport, July 13 (Mrs. Johnson).
- AM. EIDER: a flock of 41, mostly adult males or immature males, plus 1 male & 2 males & 1 female, the last obviously oiled birds, off Monomoy, June 19 (Griscom & Garrison), on July 11 the only ones remaining there were 1 female and 1 young male.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: off Plum Is., June 25 (Safford); 2 drakes, So. Chatham, July 12 (Bishop).
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 20 on Sakonnet River, Tiverton, R.I., July 5, mostly drakes (Clement); 1 duck, So. Chatham, July 12 (Bishop); 3, Muskeget Is., July 15 (Dr. Cobb).
- GOSHAWK: rare summer resident of New Hampshire, 1 captured at Water Village, Ossipee, N.H., after it had killed chickens for 2 weeks (Mrs. Pratt).
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: Middletown, R.I., June 26 (Drury).
- RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: nest found at Huntington, contained a nearly consumed fledgling of another species of hawk (Woods).
- DUCK HAWK: 1 at Wells River, Vt., July 7, no nest is known of in the vicinity (Smith).
- BOB-WHITE: fairly common on outer Cape (Bishop).
- FLORIDA GALLINULE: on Cheshire Reservoir, June 20 (Eliot et al).
- SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER: 1, Plum Is., July 8 (Griscom), earliest Essex Co. fall date; 10, Monomoy, July 11 (Griscom & Bishop).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 8, Monomoy, June 19, (Garrison & Griscom); 7 Plum Is., July 6 (Safford); 8, Monomoy, July 11 (Griscom).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE: 1, Monomoy, June 19 (Garrison & Griscom).
- HUDSONIAN CURLEW: 9 arrived Plum Is., July 6 (Safford); not reported from outer Cape in period.

UPLAND PLOVER: nesting on Olde Newbury Golf Links (C. Gray); migrant Plum Is., July 9 & 10 (Safford).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1, Plum Is., July 11, early (Safford); many at Pittsfield sewer-beds, July 13 (Bagg & Eliot).

WILLET: 1, Monomoy, June 19 (Garrison & Griscom).

GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: 8, Nauset, June 16 (Bishop); 1, Monomoy, June 19 (Griscom); Plum Is., June 25 & July 3 (Safford); 1, Monomoy, July 10 (Bishop).

LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: 2, Lynn, July 4 (Emilio); 3, Little Compton, R.I., July 5 (Drury); in numbers Newburyport, July 8 (Griscom); 15, Monomoy, July 10 (Griscom); 2 or 3 Pittsfield, July 13 (Eliot & Bagg).

KNOT: 30, Monomoy, June 19, summer stragglers (Garrison & Griscom); 50 Monomoy, July 11, first of fall (Bishop & Griscom).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1, Monomoy, July 11 (Griscom & Bishop).

LEAST SANDPIPER: arrived Plum Is. (Safford) & Lynn (Emilio), July 4; 100 plus, Monomoy, July 11 (Griscom & Bishop); 1, Pittsfield, July 13 (Eliot & Bagg).

DOWITCHER: Plum Is., July 3 (Safford); 30, Plymouth, July 5 (Hagar); several 100, Monomoy, July 11 (Griscom & Bishop).

SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER: Nauset, June 16, a few birds still lingering (Bishop); 30 & 20, Monomoy, June 19, summer stragglers (Griscom); 3, Little Compton, R.I., July 5 (Clement & Drury); birds arriving Monomoy, 200 plus, July 11 (Griscom & Bishop); 7, Pittsfield, July 13 (Eliot & Bagg).

WESTERN SANDPIPER: rare migrant, 2, Muskeget Is., July 15 (Dr. Cobb).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT: exceedingly rare migrant, 1 adult still in breeding plumage, Monomoy, July 11 (Griscom & Bishop).

SANDERLING: 16, Monomoy, June 19, 1 in full breeding plumage (Griscom) Plum Is., June 28 (Safford), 2, Manchester, July 4 (R.J. Eaton), undoubtedly summering birds; 2 summer stragglers and 1 adult, Monomoy, July 11 (Griscom & Bishop).

JAEGER: 2 off beach of Plum Is. chasing Terns, June 25 (Safford).

GLAUCOUS GULL: 1, Plymouth, June 8 (Hagar); at Lynn, July 4 & 18, a bird going into second year plumage (Emilio).

ICELAND GULL: 1 imm. at Salem Willows during period (fide Emilio).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 3 or 4 "hanging around" Middletown, R.I. (Drury); 1, Muskeget Is., July 15 (Dr. Cobb).

HERRING GULL: 500 banded at Penikese Is., greatest number in a previous year 200 (Fletcher); estimated 800 Muskeget Is., July 15 (Dr. Cobb).

RING-BILLED GULL: 4, Newburyport Harbor, July 8 (Griscom).

LAUGHING GULL: 50 Lynn, July 4 (Emilio); estimated 2000. Muskeget Is. July 15 (Dr. Cobb).

BONAPARTE'S GULL: 1 stayed all summer at Monomoy Point, a flock regularly at Newburyport Harbor (Griscom); 1 imm., Middletown, R.I. July 3 (Drury).

COMMON TERN; 1000 banded at Penikese Is. (Fletcher); about 1500 Commons and Roseate at Muskeget Is. (Dr. Cobb).

ROSEATE TERN: 300 banded at Penikese Is. (Fletcher).

ARCTIC TERN: uncommon fall migrant Essex Co., 2, Plum Is., July 15 (Griscom et al); colony at So. Chatham, apparently destroyed, probably by unusually high tides. While the birds are there, some 25 prs., only one behaved as though nesting (Bishop).

LEAST TERN: common at Little Compton & Westport, R.I., (Drury); about 10 prs. nesting at So. Chatham (Bishop).

BLACK TERN: Plymouth, June 15 (Hagar); nest found at Lake Champlain, Vt., pictures taken of adult birds over it (Lewis Babbitt).
PILEATED WOODPECKER: pr. breeding at State Forest, Huntington (Cross).
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: pr. nested at E. Windsor Hill, Conn. (E. Vibert).
HAIRY WOODPECKER: rare summer resident of Cape Cod, pr. So. Harwich, July 12 (Bishop); also rare in Conn., pr. nested at E. Windsor Hill, (Miss Holcomb).
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: Monroe, June 20 (Eliot et al); Huntington, July 4 (Cross).
PRAIRIE HORNED LARK: nest with 3 young and 1 egg, Wilbraham, June 24, the first nest ever found in Hampton County (Miss Stebbins); scattered in small numbers about the Cape, concentrated on Monomoy, July 11 (Bishop).
ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: at least 2 prs. have bred at So. Harwich, adult birds seen feeding 11 young, July 8 and since (Bishop); 8 W. Peabody, near where they nested, July 11, none there July 18 (Emilio).
BARN SWALLOW: steady southward migration, Chatham, July 5 (Griscom).
CLIFF SWALLOW: 1, Nauset, June 16, some 10 other birds reported on outer Cape (Bishop); 2 half-way down Monomoy, June 19 (Garrison & Griscom); 1, So. Chatham, July 12 (Bishop).
PURPLE MARTIN: reported by Dr. Fritz Hyde as having bred (1 pr.) on his place at Dennis; colony of 10 plus at Kingston (Garrison); 1 male flying around Monomoy Pt., June 27 (Griscom).
ACADIAN CHICKADEE: nesting at Cape Rozier, Me. (Mrs. Allison).
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: an exceedingly rare bird this year, 1 heard in Goshen, July 3 (Bagg); nested at Manchester, N.H. (Goellner).
BROWN CREEPER: rare breeder in that section, pr. nested at Norfolk (B.B. Bristol); nested Manchester, N.H. (Goellner).
HOUSE WREN: at the Sanctuary of St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N.H., 8 nesting prs. with young in June, 7 nesting prs. with young or eggs in July (Goellner).
CAROLINA WREN: nested at Middletown, R.I. (Drury).
SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: seemingly increasing in vicinity of Ware (Conkey).
MOCKINGBIRD: at same place as last year, Chatham (Mrs. Fuller).
CEDAR WAXWING: seen at E. Willington, Conn., feeding on Periodical Cicada (17 Year Locust), June 20 (C.H. Blake).
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: found at 2 places in western Mass. hills, June 20 (Eliot et al).
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: unfortunately this species seems to be very rare in Mass. this year; only ones noted in Conn. Valley are "Wanderers" that sang in Northampton, June 18, 23 & July 17 (Eliot) only 3 prs. known of in Essex Co. (Griscom), 1 pr. at So. Hamilton (M. Foster).
BLUE-HEADED VIREO: found nesting in Concord (Miss Whitcomb).
BREWSTER'S WARBLER: still in Forest Park, Springfield, July 2 (Dietrich).
TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1 nesting pr., Cape Rozier, Me. (Mrs. Allison).
PARULA WARBLER: 2 prs. in hemlock wood, Westport, July 5 (Clement).
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: increasing in the vicinity of Ware (Conkey).
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: nesting in Acton (Miss Whitcomb); male seen at Willington, Conn., June 20 (Mrs. Blake).

- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: male singing in deciduous woods on road from Harwichport to Harwich Centre, possibly breeding, 1st heard June 22 several times since; 1st. known record for this species on outer Cape (Bishop).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: many nesting at Cape Rozier, Me. (Mrs. Allison) on Sutton's Is., Me. (Miss Mills).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 1 seen at Manchester, N.H., June 16, the northernmost limit of its range (Goellner); seems to be establishing itself within Ware township, until 2 years ago seldom seen even in migration, this year at least 4 prs. are established there (Conkey).
- NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: 2 heard along upper reaches of Fish Brook, Boxford, June 17 (Emilio).
- LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: still at Loudville, July 4 (Eliot).
- MOURNING WARBLER: quite a few singing in Monroe, June 20 (Eliot).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 4, very apparently 2 prs. in Beverly, June 25 (Emilio).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: nesting at Readfield, Me. (R. Stackpole), south of its usual range.
- CANADA WARBLER: increasing in vicinity of Ware (Conkey); 1 pr. Westport & Tiverton, R.I., July 5 (Clement).
- BOBOLINK: families first observed to have gathered in flocks at Wells River, Vt., July 15, males still in nuptial plumage, but presenting a ragged appearance (Smith).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: an adult male at a Mulberry tree, Northampton, June 23 & 26 (Miss Doleman), very remarkable, probably a north-roving bird done with nesting.
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 1 adult male, Middletown, R.I., June 19 (Drury).
- INDIGO BUNTING: increasing in vicinity of Ware (Conkey); very numerous high in northwestern hills, June 20 (Eliot et al).
- PINE SISKIN: 1 banded at Athol, June 22, appeared again June 23 (Allison).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: singing male in Linebrook section of Ipswich in an apparent family group for at least one was in the streaked immature plumage, June 17; another singing male, Topsfield, June 27 (Emilio); heard in Lanesboro, June 20 (Eliot et al); bred at Manchester (Goellner) and Little Compton, R.I. (Drury).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 2 new stations discovered at West Brookfield and Prescott (Conkey); heard in Tyringham, July 13 (Eliot), a very local species in Berkshire County.
- SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: population better than last year's on Sapowet Marsh, Tiverton, R.I. (Clement).
- SLATE-COLORED JUNCO: 1 Avon, Conn., June 26 (Griswold), unusual at that season.

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The early Shore-bird flight was good, obviously adult birds had completed a successful breeding season. Semi-palmated Sandpipers, Dowitchers, Lesser Yellow-legs, Turnstone and Knot were found in relatively abundant numbers from the Eighteenth of July throughout the month. The first half of August brought the usual lull. We now expect the later and larger flight, chiefly composed of juvenile birds.

The most conspicuous sign of southward migration is the flocks of Swallows and Kingbirds which have been omnipresent near the coast. The first night migration of Warblers was heard at Wells River, Vermont, on July 31. The coldest morning of the summer, August 15, at Meredith, New Hampshire brought a wave of migrants including the first Parula Warbler and the first Broad-winged Hawk.

The news of greatest interest during this period is the unusual number of southern Herons, notably American Egrets, seen in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, birds which are rare but regular summer visitors north to eastern Massachusetts. This year, probably due to the drought, many came north and, finding a drought in Massachusetts also, continued onward.

Juliet Richardson

COMMON LOON: 6, Monomoy, July 18, 1, July 25 (Griscom); 7 off Ipswich Beach, July 25 (Foye); 5, Plum Is., Aug. 14 (Safford).

PIED-BILLED GREBE: Rowley, July 17 (R. Batchelder); Athol, July 23 (Allison); 1 in fresh pond, Monomoy, July 25 (Griscom).

SOOTY SHEARWATER: 3 over surf, Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Aug. 13, 1, Aug. 14 (Wakeman).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 1 picked up on the beach at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Aug. 13 by Messrs. Wilson Olney and Francis Minot. This constitutes the first record for the species in New England. It is abundant in the West Indies.

WILSON'S PETREL: common close to shore, many in Massachusetts Bay, 200 in Provincetown harbor, July 26 (W. R. Peabody); 3 off Monomoy Pt., July 18, several off Monomoy, Aug. 1 (Griscom); in sight from shore all along Cape Cod, 4 or 5 seen resting on the edge of a beach by Dr. Oliver Austin.

GANNET: There are several reports of this bird, unusual in summer; 1, Massachusetts Bay, July 19, 2 juvenal plumage, outer Provincetown harbor, July 26 (W. R. Peabody); 1 off Crossrip Lightship, Nantucket Sound, Aug. 1 (Crompton); 1 adult on Manchester shore, Aug. 3 (R. C. Curtis).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: 1, N. Truro, Aug. 3 (Eliot); 11 migrating, Middletown, R. I., Aug. 13 (Drury); 12, Ipswich, Aug. 15 (Batchelder)

GREAT BLUE HERON: regular in Conn. Valley from July 20 (Eliot); Plum I from July 22 (Safford).

- AMERICAN EGRET: its occurrence in the three northern states this year is so noteworthy that all the reports received are included. Maine: Near Kennebunk, Aug. 15 (Crompton). New Hampshire: 1, Hinsdale, July 26 (L. R. Nelson); 5, Ringe, July 31 (F. H. Allen); 1, N. Rye, Aug. 14 (J. A. Collins); Several in the Pow Wow River marshes, E. Kingston according to a local newspaper. Vermont: 1, 5 miles S. of Bennington, July 16, 1, N. of Bennington, Aug. 1, 7 on Walloomsac River, Aug. 8 (L. H. Ross); 10, Springfield, Aug. 1 (W. J. Bryant); several Windham, week of Aug. 1 (Leon Aldrich); 3 Shoreham, July 15, (E. Clark); 2, Milton, July 21, 4, July 22 (Dr. Perkins); 1, Thetford, July 31 (Mrs. Forsyth). Massachusetts: abundant near the coast, unusual numbers inland: 1, Stockbridge, July 24-26 (P. Musgrave); 21, Oxbow, Northampton, July 25 (Bagg); 3 Bernardston, July 28 (L. R. Nelson); 30 Lenox, Aug. 7 (Hendricks).
- LITTLE BLUE HERON: 1 near Kennebunk, Me., Aug. 15 (Crompton); unusually abundant in Massachusetts: 3, Hanover, July 18 (J. D. Smith); 1, Concord, July 20 (R. J. Eaton); 3 Ipswich, July 28 (Griscom); 1, Oxbow, Northampton, beginning July 18 (Bagg), 2, July 30 (Eliot); about 12 seen in Berkshire County, Aug. 8, by Messrs. Bailey and Palmer; 9, Petersham, July 28 (Allison); 12 Concord, Aug. 12 (S. Hoar); 13, Carlisle, Aug. 12 (H. V. Greenough). 5, No. Westport, Aug. 9 (Clement).
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 1 on shore of Medomak River near Muscongus Bay, Me., making the third record for this species in Maine (Carl Buchheister); 1, in transitional plumage immature - adult, Monomoy, July 18, 1, immature, Chatham, July 18 (Griscom).
- LEAST BITTERN: 1 pr., Middletown, R. I., since July 19, probably nesting (Drury).
- COMMON MALLARD: 1 female, Ipswich, Aug. 12 (Emilio).
- COMMON BLACK DUCK: successful breeding season at Little Compton, R. I., (Clement).
- GADWALL: 3, Newport, Vt., Aug. 10 (Crichton).
- BALDPATE: 1 drake, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 14-15 (Clement).
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 2, Ipswich, Aug. 12, earliest Essex Co. record by 8 days (Emilio).
- BLUE WINGED TEAL: nestings impaired at Little Compton, R. I. by high waters of first half of period. Eggs unhatched on July 5 on which date half-grown young were found in 1936. 34 plus, Ipswich, Aug. 5 (Griscom and Phillips); 1, Concord, Aug. 8 (K. Elkins); 1, Artichoke, West Newbury, Aug. 8 (W. G. Perry).
- WOOD DUCK: 60, Barton River, Newport, Vt., Aug. 14 (Crichton).
- SCAUP: 1 female, Briggs Marsh, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 15 (Clement). 1 still at Monomoy Pt. pond (Griscom).
- AMERICAN EIDER: 8, Vineyard Sound, July 29 (W. R. Peabody); 1, off Monomoy, July 18 and Aug. 1 (Griscom).
- KING EIDER: 1 imm. male changing into adult plumage, right off Monomoy Pt., July 18; 2 males and 1 female, badly oiled birds in worn plumage same place, July 31 (Griscom).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 47 off Monomoy, July 18, 1, Aug. 15 (Griscom); 47 Plum Is., Aug. 14 (Safford).
- SURF SCOTER: 4, Plum Is., Aug. 14 (Safford).
- AMERICAN SCOTER: 1 female in sound near fish weirs, Monomoy, July 18 (Griscom); 2, Plum Is., Aug. 14 (Safford).
- RUDDY DUCK: 2, Briggs Marsh, Little Compton, R. I., July 28 (D. Emerson); 1 drake, Aug. 15 (Clement).

HOODED MERGANSER: an adult male was seen in W. Springfield, July 14 by W. D. Leshure and a young bird, crestless, in Forest Park, Springfield was watched fish-catching on July 31 and Aug. 3 by Misses F. A. Stebbins and A. M. Bowen.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 30, Tiverton, R. I., July 5, mostly drakes (Clement and Drury); 1 drake, 3 females, Chatham harbor, July 18 (Griscom) 1 pr. Meredith, N. H., approached quite close in a canoe, July 19, seen twice since by others (Chandler Robbins).

BALD EAGLE: 1, Woods Hole, July 30 (Crompton); 1 imm. over Monomoy Pt. pond, July 31 (Griscom); 1 imm. over Warcham, Aug. 2 (Eliot); 1, Plum Is. going south, Aug. 8 (Safford).

MARSH HAWK: 1 male, Pittsfield, July 24 (Bagg); male in Ludlow, Aug. 1 (Eliot).

OSPREY: 1, Northampton, July 18 - 25, a second on July 25 (Bagg); 1, New Bedford, Aug. 3 (Goellner).

DUCK HAWK: 1 over Barnstable marshes, Aug. 14 (R. J. Eaton); 1, Plum Is., Aug. 14-15 (Safford). Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 14 (D. Emerson).

PIGEON HAWK: 1, Plum Is., Aug. 15 (Safford).

CANADA SPRUCE GROUSE: 6, Mt. Mooselauke, Benton, N. H., 2 adults, 4 young, July 21, one young banded (M. Provost).

SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER: 10, Monomoy, July 11, 100, Nauset, 100, Monomoy, Aug. 1 (Griscom).

GOLDEN PLOVER: 1 adult, Monomoy, July 25, early (Garrison and Griscom).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: increasing along shore, 10, Monomoy, July 25, 300, Aug. 15 (Griscom).

RUDDY TURNSTONE: 3, Monomoy, July 18, 150, Aug. 2 (Griscom); Plum Is., Aug. 14 (Safford).

WILSON'S SNIBE: 1, Middletown, R. I., Aug. 6 (Drury); 2, Newport, Vt., Aug. 10 (Crichton); Plum Is., Newbury and Hampton, N. H., Aug. 14 (Safford).

HUDSONIAN CURLEW: 1st migrants, Plum Is. July 19, flock of 150, Aug. 6 (Safford); Middletown, R. I., July 31 (Drury); 1, Monomoy, July 25, 20, Chatham, Aug. 7 (Griscom).

UPLAND PLOVER: 1, Hadley, July 19, 22 Agawam Race-track, July 21 (Eliot); 12, Newburyport region, Aug. 5 (Griscom and Phillips); 30, a few days earlier (D. Aylward); 2 Little Compton, R. I., July 31 (D. Emerson).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER: regular in Conn. valley since July 19 (Eliot); migrants at Plum Is., Aug. 10 (Safford).

WILLET: 3, Monomoy, 5, Nauset, July 25 (Griscom); regularly at Plum Is since Aug. 3 (Safford).

GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: 25, Monomoy, 100, Nauset, July 25 (Griscom).

LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: 500, Newburyport, July 21 (Griscom et al); a fine concentration Aug. 15 at Briggs Marsh, Little Compton, R. I., lowest water level in 4 years resulting in plenty of flats (Clement).

KNOT: in good numbers on outer cape, 200, Monomoy, July 18 (Griscom); Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 14 (Clement).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 2 Pittsfield, July 24 (Bagg); 1, Nauset, July 25 (Griscom); 2, Newport, Vt., Aug. 8, 1st. time this species has been seen there (Crichton).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: at Plum Is. since July 21 (Safford); 2, Monomoy Aug. 15 (Griscom).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 1, Tiverton, R. I., Aug. 7, rare migrant (Clement).

RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 1, Monomoy, July 12 - Aug. 15 (Mrs. Fuller et al, Newburyport harbor, Aug. 10 (Griscom), very early.

DOWITCHER: peak of flight July 26, 2700 at Nauset (Hagar and Peters); 1300, Monomoy, Aug. 1 (Griscom).

STILT SANDPIPER: 3 by Monomoy Pt. pond, in full breeding plumage, Jul

- SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER: peak of flight July 25 and Aug. 1, 1000 at Nauset, 1000 at Monomoy on each of those days (Griscom).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER: rare migrant, 2, Rowley, July 29 (Griscom); 1, Nauset, Aug. 1 (Griscom et al); 2, Monomoy, Aug. 3 (Eliot).
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT: 2, Monomoy, July 18 (Griscom et al).
- SANDERLING: peak of flight on outer Cape, July 25, 1500, Monomoy, 100, Nauset (Griscom).
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE: In unusual numbers close to shore, several hundred right off Manchester, Aug. 15 (Curtis and Emilio); 20-30 Phalaropes, undoubtedly Northern, off the Plum Is. breakwater, Aug. 12 (Emilio and Griscom); 2, off Monomoy, in worn breeding plumage, 4 at sea off Chatham (1 breeding, 2 transitional, 1 winter plumage), Aug. 15 (Griscom et al).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 adult, Monomoy, Aug. 8 (Garrison and Griscom); 1 immature Jaeger, probably Parasitic, Monomoy, July 25 (Garrison and Griscom).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: marked increase on outer Cape, Aug. 15 (Griscom)
- HERRING GULL: added to state breeding list of Rhode Island on July 18 by R. C. Clement, 2 unfledged chicks.
- RING-BILLED GULL: 100, Nauset, Aug. 1 (Griscom et al).
- LAUGHING GULL: marked decrease in numbers noticed at Monomoy, Aug. 15, one-half the adults in winter plumage (Griscom).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 4, Monomoy Pt., July 25, 2, Aug. 15 (Griscom).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 adult in breeding plumage, Nauset, July 25 (Griscom and Garrison). Still present on the 26th (Hagar and Peters). The second individual of this species to be seen in Massachusetts since 1871.
- TERN nestings were spoiled by high waters at Little Compton, R. I. No second nesting was attempted in the three local coastal marshes. On the rocky islands of Sakonnet Pt. they did very well. Two large flocks of about 5000 each were on the shore in late June and early July. (Clement), 1 at Westport Harbor, Mass. and 1 at Middletown, R.I. The first sign of southward migration of Terns was noted at Monomoy on July 18, a marked decrease in numbers (Griscom).
- ROSEATE TERN: nesting, 10 or more pairs, at Island Rocks, Middletown, R. I. A new record for the State (Drury).
- LEAST TERN: only 5, Monomoy, Aug. 15 (Griscom).
- ROYAL TERN: rare visitant, 1 between Nashawena and Cuttyhunk Islands, Aug. 15 (James C. Greenway).
- BLACK TERN: 1, Monomoy, in full breeding plumage, July 25 (Griscom); Chilmark, Aug. (Wakeman); 8, S. Chatham, Aug. 15 (Long); Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 13 (D. Emerson).
- BLACK SKIMMER: another rare visitor, 1, Nauset, July 18 (Oliver Austin); 3 off Brown's Bank, 240 miles from Boston; 1 collected, Aug. 1 (Joe Strescino); 1, S. Chatham, Aug. 14 (Long).
- RAZOR-BILLED AUK: oiled bird summering at Menemsha, Martha's Vineyard, tame (Mrs. Wakeman).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 1, Easthampton, July 21 and 30 (Eliot).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 two-thirds of the way down Monomoy, July 18 (Griscom).
- BARN OWL: 5 nestlings at Roger Baldwin's on Martha's Vineyard (Wakeman) after a lapse of one year.
- CRESTED FLYCATCHER: uncommon at Center Ossipee, N. H., 1 seen Aug. 2 (N. Preble); 1 at Meredith, N. H. for 3 days only (C. Robbins).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: 1, Northeast Harbor, Me., Aug. 15 (Eliot).
- ALDER FLYCATCHER: 5 sang at Longmeadow, July 30 (Eliot); 1, Fitzwilliam N. H., July 25 (W. Taber).

- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: one called at Heath, July 22, family seen at Monroe, July 22 (Eliot); 1, Fitzwilliam, N. H., July 25 (W. Taber); 3 or 4 each weekend since Aug. 1 at Northfield (F. Elkins); very rare migrant in Essex County, 1, Manchester, Aug. 15 (Curtis and Emilio).
- ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: Wells River, Vt., Aug. 8 (W. Smith); 2, Hadley, July 19, seen in Berkshire, July 22 and 24 (Eliot).
- PURPLE MARTIN: rare migrant Essex Co., Plum Is., Aug. 9 (Safford); several still at S. Carver, Aug. 2 (Eliot).
- NORTHERN RAVEN: 7 seen in one day, Muscongus Bay, Me. (J. Baker).
- ACADIAN CHICKADEE: 3 small flocks on Mt. Osceola, N. H. (C. Robbins) and 1 on Mt. Kearsarge, Chatham, N. H. (M. Provost).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: Many on Mt. Greylock, July 22 with 1 White-breasted, extraordinarily high up (Eliot); 1st Meredith, N. H., Aug. 15 (Robbins).
- HOUSE WREN: 1 in Laconia, N. H., north for the species (Robbins).
- WINTER WREN: several at Northfield in brush piles, Aug. 8 (Elkins).
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: singing at Fitzwilliam, N. H., July 25 at 1050 ft., high for the species (W. Taber); sang in Tyringham, July 21 (Eliot); 1 pr. nesting at Middletown, R. I., extremely rare in Rhode Island (Drury).
- MOCKINGBIRD: near "Windy Gates" on Martha's Vineyard (Wakoman).
- VEERY: migrating at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 9 (W. Smith)..
- WHITE-EYED VIREO: 1, Bedford, Aug. 15 (Mr. and Mrs. Clementson).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: pr. nested at Middletown, R. I. (Drury).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 singing, Northeast Harbor, Me., Aug. 16 (Eliot).
- MOURNING WARBLER: still singing, Mt. Greylock and Monroe, July 22 (Eliot).
- NORTHERN WATER THRUSH: Fitzwilliam, N. H., July 25 (Taber); migrating bird picked up dead at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 11 (Smith).
- LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: Northfield, July 18 (F. Elkins).
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: male, Middletown, R. I., July 19 (W. Drury); 1 male picked up dead at Marblehead, Aug. 2 (E. Dreyfus).
- SCARLET Tanager: bright male on treetop, Orleans, sang, Aug. 4 (Eliot), unusual to find this species on the outer Cape.
- INDIGO BUNTING: 2 prs. 3 miles apart, Meredith, N. H. (C. Robbins).
- EVENING GROSBEAK: Harry C. Holton of Mt. Hermon reports a male, molting a little, July 28, and a young bird, more buff or brownish than a female, in the same pine grove, July 29 (Eliot).
- RED CROSSBILL: seen and heard daily at Hog Is., Muscongus Bay, Me. (Baker).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: nesting at Middletown, R. I., July 21 (Drury), found to be fairly well established in Rhode Island's south shore.
- SEASIDE SPARROW: nesting at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard as usual (Wakoman); pr nesting in Middletown, R. I., one of the very few on the Rhode Island shore this summer (Drury); colony at Charlestown, R. I. absent (Hathaway).

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This period has been one of unusual interest to the active field observer, especially at the seashore, and in all probability it will be many years before a similar one recurs. Shearwaters of all three species have been seen from land off Monomoy, Cory's being especially abundant right off the point. The three have been really common off the Massachusetts coast and in Nantucket Sound for the first time since the Great Flight of 1886, and the numbers this year exceed the second best known flight year, 1910. At the same time both Parasitic and Pomarine Jaegers have been numerous close to shore in Essex County and on the outer Cape, chasing Terns which have gathered in flocks over small schools of fish, driven unusually near shore by mackerel this year. Generally one has to go several miles out to sea in a boat to see any of these birds, even then never expecting to see more than one or two. A Sabine's Gull was collected off Chatham and one Long-tailed Jaeger was seen at Chatham, the most noteworthy records of the period.

The Shore-bird flight on the coast of Massachusetts was appreciably poorer than the past two years. The rare and very rare species from the west were far less numerous, and there was no Wilson's Phalarope record for the State for the first time in several years. Lack of northeasterly gales at the proper time accounts for the absence of the Hudsonian Godwit and the lack of any notable number of Golden Plover. Of the commoner species the Willet and Pectoral Sandpiper have been particularly uncommon.

Migration of land birds has been heavy during most of the period at Wells River, Vermont. Despite an earlier beginning of southward movement, some species have lingered later than usual, particularly Barn Swallows and Bobolinks.

All nesting birds, excepting Terns and Leach's Petrels, showed a decided increase in Muscongus Bay, Me.; for instance, on Western Egg Rock there were 91 Double-crested Cormorant nests in 1937, 40 in 1936; 600 pair of Herring Gulls in 1937, 450 in 1936.

The main flight of Broad-winged Hawks passed Mt. Tom in the Connecticut Valley on Sept. 18, the number far exceeding anything seen last year. The day's total was 2150 hawks of nine species, including 4 Bald Eagles and 2094 Broad-wings. Over 1800 of the latter were seen in an hour and a half late in the afternoon (Hagar et al). Morning of the 19th was rainy, but clearing weather brought another large movement - 1000 or more reported at Montgomery (A. C. Bagg). Mr. Hagar suggests that readers intending to visit Mt. Tom this fall do so on suitable days between October 15 and November 10. Take plenty of warm clothing. Full details in October issue of Massachusetts Audubon Society Bulletin.

The first banded gulls have been reported from Long Island. Approximately 5000 birds were banded this past summer with various combinations of celluloid and aluminum bands. The former are quite conspicuous in the field, the latter are somewhat inconspicuous. Observers reporting the exact positions of these bands on the legs of first-year Herring Gulls should communicate with Gull Survey, American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y.

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- COMMON LOON: 11, Middletown, R. I., Aug. 27 (Drury); 17, Plum Is., Aug. 29 (Safford); 1, Monomoy, Sept. 5 (Griscom).
- RED-THROATED LOON: 1, Newport, R. I., Aug. 17 (H. Karsch, Jr.); 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., Aug. 24 (Cruikshank).
- PIED-BILLED GREBE: 1, Newport, R. I., Aug. 28 (Karsch); 5, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 5 (Drury); 1, Rowley, Sept. 7 (R. Batchelder); 5, Prout's Neck, Me., Sept. 10 (Mrs. Mills).
- SOOTY SHEARWATER: 1 seen from land off Monomoy, Sept. 5, 12 out to sea off Chatham, coming very close to boat, Sept. 7; 8, mostly off Monomoy Point and a mile N. W. in the sound, very few at sea, Sept. 12 (Griscom et al).
- GREATER SHEARWATER: in abundance offshore, many seen from land, most unusual; as early as Aug. 20 in Cape Cod Bay off Billingsgate Is. (Henry Allison); 7 at sea off Manchester, Aug. 24 (Curtis et al); 40 at sea off Chatham, Sept. 7, some landing within 12 ft. of the boat; 100 right around boat, in sight all day everywhere off Monomoy Pt., Sept. 12 (Griscom et al).
- CORY'S SHEARWATER: as early as Aug. 20 off Billingsgate Is. in Cape Cod Bay (H. Allison); 12, Block Is. Sound, Aug. 25 (Karsch); first seen off Monomoy, Sept. 5, 1 off Chatham, Sept. 7, 50 out to sea off Monomoy Pt., Sept. 12; abundant off Monomoy Pt., Sept. 14, at least 10 close to shore (Griscom et al).
- LEACH'S PETREL: 1, Castle Neck, Ipswich, Sept. 5, the sole petrel seen (Miss Grace Snow and Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Howe).
- WILSON'S PETREL: 20 plus, Middletown, R. I., Aug. 20 (Drury); 4, Block Is. Sound, Aug. 25 (Karsch); 50 at sea off Manchester, Aug. 24 (Curtis et al); abundant off Chatham in August, 25, Sept. 7, none Sept. 12 (Griscom et al).
- GANNET: 4 imm. at sea off Manchester, Aug. 24, earliest record for Essex Co. (Curtis et al); arrived Muscongus Bay, Me. middle of August common by the 28th (Cruikshank); 1, Nauset, Sept. 2 (Rogers), early; 2 imm. off Monomoy, Sept. 6 (Griscom et al).
- EUROPEAN CORMORANT: 1, Aug. 12, 15, Sept. 6, Middletown, R.I. (Drury).
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: 12, Ipswich, Aug. 16 (R. Batchelder); big flight at Plum Is., Sept. 7 (Safford) and Sutton's I., Me., Aug. 31 (Mrs. Mills); common Middletown, R. I., Sept. 12 (Drury).
- GREAT BLUE HERON: good steady migration since Aug. 17, Middletown, R.I. (Drury); 32, Monomoy, Aug. 25 (Bishop).
- AMERICAN EGRET: many still reported; 6, Kittery, Me., Sept. 2 (C.S. Day); 16 reported from Vergennes, 1 from E. Corinth and 1 from E. Ryegate, Vt. (Smith); 28, Rowley, Sept. 4 (Batchelder); 16, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 29, 8, Sept. 6 (Clement); 9, Northampton, Sept. 14 (Eliot).
- SNOWY EGRET: exceedingly rare visitant, 1, Briggs Marsh, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 4 & 5 (Clement & Drury), said to have been there since Aug. 21 (David Emerson).
- LITTLE BLUE HERON: 1 adult, Hog Is., Me., Aug. 22 (Cruikshank); 2 Plum Is. Aug. 19 & 20 (Safford); 1 adult-spent several days in mid-Aug. at S. Chatham (P. S. Howe); imm., Northampton, Sept. 6 (Allison); 12 imm., Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 7 (Clement); 25, Westbrook, Conn., Aug. 20 (Mrs. Ruddiman); common in Meridan, Conn. until Sept. 4 (L. W. Smith).
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 1, Barnstable marsh, Aug. 16 (Griscom); 1, Nauset, Aug. 25 (Hagar); 2, Marshfield, Sept. 12 (Taber).
- CANADA GOOSE: heard at 5 a. m., Sept. 8, Upper Narragansett Bay, R.I. (Gibbs).

- BALDPATE: 8, Almy's Pond, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 14, 60, Easton's Pond, Sept. 15 (Drury).
- PINTAIL: 1 in a rain puddle on the sand flats in West Lynn with 2 Blue-winged Teal on Sept. 7 (Robbins); 5, Fairfield, Conn. from Sept. 10 (F. Novak).
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL: at least 1, Clark's Pond, Ipswich, Aug. 31 (Eliot); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 4 (Drury); 4, Monomoy Pt. pond, Sept. 6 (Griscom); 10, W. Newbury, Sept. 12 (Cottrells & Richardson); 2, Fairfield, Conn. from Sept. 10 (Novak).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 40, Ipswich, Aug. 24 (Griscom et al); 4, Monomoy, Sept. 6, 7, Sept. 15 (Griscom); 18, Northampton, Sept. 14 (Eliot); 1st. Middletown, R. I., Aug. 22, 75, Sept. 15 (Drury).
- SHOVELLER: 1, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 15 (Drury).
- GREATER SCAUP: 1, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 15 (Drury).
- OLD-SQUAW: 1 in a big flock of White-winged Scoters, Mt. Desert Narrows, Me., Aug. 28 (Eliot); 1, Chatham, Sept. 12 (Griscom et al).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: several small flocks migrating, Monomoy, Sept. 6 (Griscom).
- SURF SCOTER: 7, Monomoy, Sept. 6 (Griscom).
- AMERICAN SCOTER: flock of 55 drakes off Annisquam, Aug. 31 (Eliot); 5 along shore, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 4 (Clement); 1 male & 2 females off Monomoy, Sept. 6 (Griscom).
- HOODED MERGANSER: 1 female flying over common pasture, Newburyport, Aug. 24 (Griscom et al), exceptionally early for Essex Co.; 1, Fairfield, Conn. since Sept. 10 (Novak).
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 8, Castle Neck Ipswich, Aug. 31 (Eliot); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 5 (Drury).
- GOSHAWK: 1 near the top of Mt. Clay, N. H., Sept. 1 (C. Robbins).
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: 1st. migrant, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 6 (Drury); Plum Is., Sept. 7 (Safford); 3, Chatham, Sept. 15 (Bishop).
- COOPER'S HAWK: Plum Is., Sept. 7, 8, 12; (Safford); Middletown, R. I., Sept. 10 (Drury).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 4, W. Newbury, Aug. 24 (Griscom et al); 3, S. Chatham, Aug. 28 (Griscom); 2 Belmont, Sept. 10 (Robbins).
- BALD EAGLE: pr. at Ossipee, N. H. during latter half of August (Robbins); 1 adult, Andover, N. H., Sept. 1 (K. Elkins); Northampton, Aug. 20, Williamsburg, Aug. 20 (Graves); Northampton, Sept. 3 (Combs); Plum Is., Aug. 30 (Safford); pr. as usual spent summer at Mashpee (H. Brown); 2 imm., Madison, Conn., Aug. 25 - 28 (L. W. Smith).
- OSPREY: Rowley, Aug. 16 (Batchelder); S. Chatham, Sept. 4 (Bishop).
- DUCK HAWK: Plum Is., 3, Aug. 28 (Hagar), 1 or 2 Aug. 30, Sept. 7, 8, 10, 12 (Safford); Waltham, Sept. 6 (Bergstrom); Middletown, R. I., Sept. 11 (Drury).
- PIGEON HAWK: Northampton, Sept. 2, 2 days earlier than the Valley's previous earliest (Allison); 1 over Mt. Pleasant, N. H., Sept. 2 (Robbins); 1, Chatham, Aug. 28, 3, Monomoy, Sept. 6 (Griscom); Plum Is., Sept. 9 (Safford), Clark's Pond, Ipswich, Sept. 9 (Richardson); Martha's Vineyard, Sept. 9 (Wakeman); Scarborough, Me., Sept. 10 (Mrs. Mills).
- CANADA SPRUCE GROUSE: on Mt. Kearsarge, N. H., 3000 ft. up, 1 closely approached (J. Madeira); family seen on Mt. Guyot, N. H., Aug. 16 (G. Cottrell); 1 young bird approached to within 6 inches, Mt. Clinton, N. H., Sept. 2 (Robbins).

- KING RAIL: Greenbush, August 23 (Hagar).
- FLORIDA GALLINULE: Clark's Pond, Ipswich, Sept. 3 (F.A. Saunders).
- PIPING PLOVER: at Plum Is. & Monomoy thru Sept. 15 (Safford & Griscom).
- GOLDEN PLOVER: 1 west shore of Wellfleet, Aug. 28 (H. Allison); 1 adult in full breeding plumage on beach near Monomoy Pt., Sept. 6 (Griscom et al); 1, Monomoy, 2, Nauset, Sept. 11; 11, Monomoy, Sept. 14, 16, Sept. 15 (Griscom et al).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: height of flight on outer Cape, Sept. 5; 750, Nauset, 100, Monomoy (Griscom et al).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE: height of later flight, 40, Monomoy, Aug. 25 (Bishop), 200, Nauset, Aug. 29 (Griscom); 4, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 12 (Drury).
- WILSON'S SNIBE: Pittsfield sewer-beds, Aug. 29, early (Hondricks); Newport, R. I., Aug. 30 (Karsch); 3, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 15 (Drury).
- HUDSONIAN CURLEW: unusually heavy late flight, Monomoy, Sept. 15, 70 on noors & 10 & 10 & several (Griscom et al); 3, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 11, 5, Sept. 12 (Drury).
- UPLAND PLOVER: 2 calling overhead at night, Chatham, Sept. 4 (Griscom), late and unusual on outer Cape; 5, Newburyport, Sept. 4 (W. Harrod & Howes); 1, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 4 (Drury).
- WILLET: very poor flight this year; 4, Nauset, Aug. 22 (Griscom et al); 3, S. Chatham, Aug. 28 (Howe); 2, Stratford, Conn. Aug. 29-Sept. 7 (Novak).
- WESTERN WILLET: 1, Nauset, Sept. 5, perfect comparison with Willet close beside it, about 50% larger and definitely paler in coloration (Griscom et al).
- GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: very unusual in Conn. Valley before Sept., 2, Northampton, Aug. 13, next one Sept. 2 (R. Clark); 100, Nauset, Sept. 5, 45, Monomoy, Sept. 15 (Griscom); regular but not numerous at Middletown, R. I. (Drury).
- LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: 500, Essex Co., Aug. 24, 5, Monomoy, Sept. 15 (Griscom).
- KNOT: uncommon migrant in Essex Co.; 50, Ipswich, Aug. 22 (Curtis); 20, Plum Is., Aug. 28 (Hagar); 100, Ipswich, Sept. 12 (K. Elkins); 1000, Nauset, Sept. 5 (Griscom et al), height of later flight.
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1, Hog Is., Me., Aug 16, 2, Aug. 25, 3, Aug. 28 (Cruikshank), very early.
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: scarce in nos. this year; 30, Essex Co., Aug. 24, 5, Monomoy, Sept. 6, 3, Sept. 15 (Griscom et al).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: regularly at Plum Is.; best count on Outer Cape, 30, Nauset, Sept. 5 (Griscom et al).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 1, Nauset, Aug. 29, 2, Monomoy, Sept. 6 (Griscom et al); 1, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 7 & 11 (Drury); 1, Pt. of Pines, Revere, Sept. 14 (F. H. Allen).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: very few left, no high counts during entire period.
- RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 2, Monomoy, Aug. 22, 1, Nauset, Aug. 29 (Griscom).
- DOWITCHER: peak of late flight, 300, Nauset, Aug. 29 (Griscom et al).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 1, Clark's Pd., Ipswich, Aug. 31 (Eliot); none on outer Cape in period.
- SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER: 200, Nauset, 50, Monomoy, Sept. 5 (Griscom).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER: 1, Middletown, R. I., Aug. 22 (Drury); 4 or 5, Nauset, Sept. 5 (Griscom et al); 1 & 9 probable ones, Monomoy, Sept. 6 (Griscom).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: very rare migrant, 1 by Monomoy Pt. pond, Aug. 28 (Griscom & Eaton).

- MARbled GODWIT: 7, Nauset, Aug. 23 (Baker & Eskers), all time record for quantity for New England; 3 at Pt. of Pines, Revere, Sept. 2 - 11 (Harrod & Howes), 1, Sept. 14 (F. H. Allen).
- SANDERLING: very rare inland, 1, Pittsfield sewer-beds, Aug. 29 (Hendricks); 3, Hadley, Sept. 2 (Clark), 2, Sept. 8 (Eliot); 200, Nauset, 100, Monomoy, Sept. 5 (Griscom et al); many Scarboro Beach, Me., Sept. 10 (Mrs. Mills); 250 - 300, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 12 (Drury).
- RED PHALAROPE: 500 plus, Muscongus Bay, Me., Aug. 2, smaller bunches seen all during August (Cruikshank); 2, Middletown, R. I., Aug. 16, 2, Sept. 12 (Drury); 2, Monomoy, Aug. 1 (Mr. & Mrs. Howe).
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE: commonly seen all through August in Muscongus Bay, Me., concentration of 3000 plus around Monhegan Is., on Aug. 28 & 30 (Cruikshank); 9 at sea off Manchester, Aug. 24 (Curtis et al); 12 at sea off Chatham, Sept. 7 (Griscom et al); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 4 (Clement); 1, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 4 & 12 (Drury).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 12 (Drury), very rare migrant.
- POMARINE JAEGER: in unusual nos. especially close to shore; 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., Aug. 16 (Cruikshank); 1 off Manchester, Aug. 24 (Curtis et al); 1, Chilmark, Aug. 24 (Wakeman); 4, Castle Neck, Ipswich, Sept. 5 (Harrod, Howe & Snow); 1 at sea off Chatham, Sept. 7, 1 off Monomoy, Sept. 15 (Griscom et al).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: unusually abundant, especially close to shore; 1 off Monomoy, Aug. 22 (Griscom et al); about 25, Plum Is., Aug. 28 (Hagar); 1, Ipswich, Aug. 22 (Curtis); 1 seen chasing Terns, Bristol, R. I., Sept. 4, unusual so far from the ocean (Gibbs); 2, Castle Neck, Ipswich, Sept. 5 (Harrod, Howe, Snow); 1 Monomoy, Sept. 6, 22 seen chasing Terns at sea off Chatham, Sept. 7 (Griscom et al); 1, Mattapoisett harbor, Sept. 12 (Stackpole); 10 plus off Monomoy, Sept. 14, one sitting on beach, an extraordinary sight; 7, very active chasing Terns off Monomoy, Sept. 15 (Griscom et al).
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER: the most pelagic of the three, very rarely seen from land; 1 full adult, Chatham, Sept. 9 (Mrs. Fuller & Mrs. MacLay).
- RING-BILLED GULL: large concentration of 50, Monomoy, Aug. 25 (Bishop).
- SABINE'S GULL: 1 adult in breeding plumage just starting to molt, at sea off Chatham, Sept. 7, collected, constituting the 6th record for Massachusetts (Griscom); specimen mounted in N. E. Museum.
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 on Meigs's Pt., Madison, Conn., Aug. 27 (Misses Meigs & Holcomb); 1, Nauset, Aug. 18, 2, Sept. 11 (Bishop).
- FORSTER'S TERN: 1 well seen, Muscongus Bay, Me., Aug. 16, rare for Me. (Cruikshank); 1 ad. and 1 imm. and probable others flying around boat off Chatham, Sept. 7 (Griscom et al); at least 1 winter adult, Nauset, Sept. 11 (Eliot et al); 3 at Monomoy Pt., Sept. 13 (C. Robbins).
- COMMON TERN: many Monomoy, Sept. 14 (Griscom); young Commons & Roseates not as numerous as last year, upper Narragansett Bay, R. I. (Gibbs).
- ARCTIC TERN: Middletown, R. I., Aug. 30 (Karsch); 1, Ipswich, Aug. 30 (Eliot); 10 plus, Monomoy Pt., Sept. 14 (Griscom & Touseys).
- ROSEATE TERN: fully two-thirds of the Terns at Castle Neck, Ipswich, Aug. 13 were of this species (Eliot); same conditions at Nauset in late Aug. & early Sept. (Hagar & Griscom).
- LEAST TERN: Chatham, Sept. 12 (Garrison et al).
- CASPIAN TERN: 1, Castle Neck, Ipswich, Sept. 5 (Harrod, Howe, Snow).

- BLACK TERN: 2, Hog Is., Me., Aug. 30, only camp record (Cruikshank); 1, Plum Is., Aug. 28 (Hagar); Chilmark, Sept. 1 & 4; 1, off Chatham, Sept. 7 (Griscom); 12, Ipswich Beach, Sept. 5 (Curtis); in small nos. outer Cape, maximum of 10 birds on Aug. 28 (Griscom & Eaton); Middletown, R. I., Aug. 29, Sept. 4 & 5 (Drury).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: rare on outer Cape, 1, Chatham, Aug. 22 (Griscom).
- SHORT-EARED OWL: 1 just south of Chatham in late Aug. (Mrs. Fuller) & 1, Monomoy Pt., Sept. 6 (Griscom et al), indicating that this species still nests locally.
- NIGHTHAWK: 2, Mt. Desert, Me., Aug. 29 (Eliot); 107 counted flying south over Lake Ossipee, N. H., Aug. 29 (Robbins); air full of them migrating, Woodsville, N. H., Aug. 29 (Smith); last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 4 (Smith); the usual big flights at Northampton, last on Sept. 4, then an unexpected huge flock, Sept. 18 (Eliot & Wakeman).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 6; outer Cape, Sept. 15.
- HUMMINGBIRD: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 8 (Smith); Athol, Sept. 14 (Allison); Plum Is. thru Sept. 15 (Safford); Morris Is., Sept. 15 (Griscom).
- KINGBIRD: concentrated in considerable nos., Monomoy, Aug. 25 (Bishop); flight at Rowley, Sept. 4 (Batchelder).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 3 (Smith); 1, Northampton, Sept. 15 (Eliot).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: Morris Is., Sept. 15, very rare on outer Cape (Griscom).
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: 2, Freedom, N. H., Aug. 21 (Robbins); last Wells River, Vt., Aug. 25 (Smith); 1, Sandwich, N. H., Aug. 30 (Bishop); a flock, apparently 1 family, some very immature, Northampton, Sept. 6 (Eliot); 1, Dedham, Sept. 6 (Robbins).
- TREE SWALLOW: last Wells River, Vt., Aug. 29 (Smith); 3000, Little Compton, R. I., August 29 (Drury).
- BANK SWALLOW: last Wells River, Vt., Aug. 29 (Smith); 2, Hadley, Sept. 2 (Clark); 100, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 14 (Drury).
- BARN SWALLOW: pr. still feeding young, Mt. Desert, Me., Aug. 28 (Eliot); last left Graves Farm; Williamsburg, Sept. 1 (Graves); last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 12 (Smith).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: last left Graves Farm, Williamsburg, Aug. 20, transient there, Sept. 4 (D. Graves); 1, Plum Is., Aug. 24 (Griscom et al); last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 4 (Smith).
- PURPLE MARTIN: pr. Middletown, R. I., Aug. 22 (Drury); 1 female or imm., Plum Is., Aug. 24 (Garrison et al); at Effingham Falls, N. H. where they breed until Aug. 27 (C. Robbins).
- N. RAVEN: 2 seen at Sutton's Is., Me. on Aug. 22 & Sept. 7 (Mrs. Mills & Rev. G. Payne); quite a few prs. this summer in Muscongus Bay region, Me. (Cruikshank).
- BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE: found higher in the Presidential Range of the White Mts., N. H. than the Acadian; e.g. 1 at the summit of Mt. Pleasant, Sept. 2 (Robbins).
- ACADIAN CHICKADEE: common on the Presidential Range, Aug. 31 - Sept. 2 (Robbins); several on Mt. Guyot, Aug. 16 (G. Cottrell).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: big flight this fall in Mass.: 1st. in Boston region, Aug. 26, common in Conn. Valley since Sept. 6 (Eliot).
- BROWN CREEPER: Belmont, Sept. 8 (Robbins).
- CAROLINA WREN: several in Middletown, R. I. (Drury).

MOCKINGBIRD: 1 imm., Chatham, Sept. 15 (Garrison et al).
 OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: Cambridge, Sept. 15 (Taber).
 GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: 1st. migrant Wells River, Vt., Aug. 29 (Smith).
 BICKNELL'S THRUSH: " " " " " Sept. 6 "
 VEERY: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 9 (Smith).
 RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: 1st. Wells River, Vt., Sept. 15 (Smith).
 PIPIT: seen at Chilmark, Aug. 17 & Sept. 4 (Mrs. Wakeman), where early, even July records have been made each recent year.
 MIGRANT SHRIKE: Plum Is., Aug. 24 & 25, also at Hampton, N. H., Aug. 25 (Safford); Ipswich, Aug. 29 (Wolf); Middletown, R. I., Aug. 31 (Drury); Martha's Vineyard, early Sept. (Hagar).
 YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 2, Sandwich, N. H., Aug. 31 (Bishop); 1 singing Northampton, Sept. 11 (Mrs. Wakeman).
 PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 2, Freedom, N.H., Aug. 26 (C. Robbins); last Wells River, Vt., Aug. 26 (Smith).
 PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 well seen, Waltham, Sept. 6 (Sidney Bergstrom).
 GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: Waltham, Aug. 23 (Bergstrom).
 TENNESSEE WARBLER: Northampton, Sept. 7 (Eliot).
 NASHVILLE WARBLER: 2, Morris I., Sept. 15 (Griscom), very rare on outer Cape.
 PARULA WARBLER: some in Northampton, Sept. 6, unusually early, seen again Sept. 14 (Eliot).
 YELLOW WARBLER: Ipswich, Sept. 1, Northampton, Sept. 14 (Eliot).
 MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1st. Effingham Falls, N. H., Aug. 23 (Robbins); Northampton, Sept. 9 (Eliot).
 CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 7 (Smith).
 BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: 1st. Wells R., Vt., Aug. 25 (Smith); 2, Cambridge, Sept. 1 (Griscom).
 BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 1st. Wells River, Vt., Aug. 25 (Smith); Northampton, Sept. 7 (Eliot); 2, Cambridge, Sept. 9 (Griscom).
 PRAIRIE WARBLER: height of migration on outer Cape, Sept. 7 (Griscom).
 WESTERN PALM WARBLER: at least 1, Northampton, Sept. 15 (Eliot).
 OVENBIRD: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 10 (Smith); Morris I., Sept. 15 (Griscom et al).
 NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 5 (Smith); 1, Chatham, Aug. 21 (Griscom).
 CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1st. Wells River, Vt., Sept. 5 (Smith).
 MOURNING WARBLER: 1 at Monomoy Pt., Aug. 28 (Griscom & Eaton), most unusual.
 WILSON'S WARBLER: 1, Monomoy, Aug. 29 (Griscom), very rare on outer Cape; last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 5 (Smith); male, Northampton, Sept. 6 (Eliot).
 BOBOLINK: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 11 (Smith), late; flocked in millet at Graves Farm, Williamsburg all Aug., on Aug. 30 over 500 birds (Graves); 100, Middletown, R. I., Aug. 30 (Drury); 2 females, Monomoy, Sept. 5 (Griscom et al), very rare on outer Cape.
 BALTIMORE ORIOLE: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 7 (Smith); Holyoke, Sept. 2 (Bagg); straggler at Chatham, Sept. 15 (Griscom).
 RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 15-20, Middletown, R. I. Sept. 15 (Drury).
 SCARLET Tanager: a young bird apparently exhausted, undoubtedly blown in by heavy northeaster, in beach grass on dune at Nauset, Sept. 5 (Bishop), most unusual for outer Cape; last Wells R., Vt. Sept. 5.
 RED CROSSBILL: 4, including 1 streaked juvenal, N. Chatham, Sept. 13 (Dr. & Mrs. Tousey).
 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: 2, Sutton's I., N.C., Aug. 22 (Rev. Geo. Payne).
 EASTERN LARK SPARROW: 2 near Cr. Neck, Ipswich, same place bird was seen last year, on Sept. 6 (Harred, Howe, & Snow).
 LINCOLN'S SPARROW: Northampton, Sept. 15 (Eliot).

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The return migration of land birds was earlier this year than usual, the big wave ordinarily expected around October 6 came on September 17 in Cambridge and on September 21 & 22 on the outer Cape after a steady northwest wind. Those fortunate enough to be on Morris Island and Monomoy at that time found almost every bayberry bush and poison ivy thicket alive with its quota of warblers or other stray migrants, including several species rare to that region, a most extraordinary experience. During the next two weeks northwesterly winds brought several smaller waves and birds to eastern Massachusetts that might normally have followed the Connecticut valley; therefore in western Massachusetts there was not an outstanding migration. However, lack of frost there until October 9 caused several very late records; from then to the end of the period there was a good number of the later migrants. In Essex County from October 9 to 12 there were quantities of Myrtle Warblers, Bluebirds and White-throated Sparrows; now almost all seem to have left.

There was a flight of hawks on the outer Cape September 21 & 22; nine species were seen at Mt. Tom on September 23, but there has been no big flight since Sept. 18.

The Canada Goose arrived early on migration. Certain water-fowl, for instance the American Eider and Old-squaw, did likewise.

The great Shearwater flight is over, no birds were seen at sea off Manchester on October 2; the last "Hags" were reported off Chatham the week of October 3.

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COMMON LOON: Pittsfield, Sept. 26 (Hendricks), Longmeadow, Oct. 2 (Eliot); many flying Narragansett Bay, R. I., Sept. 29 (Gibbs).

RED-THROATED LOON: Plum I., Oct. 9 (Griscom).

HOLBOELL'S GREBE: Little Compton, R. I., Oct. 2 (Clement).

HORNED GREBE: 1, Newfound Lake, Bristol, N. H., Oct. 13 (K. Elkins).

PIED-BILLED GREBE: fairly common in Conn. valley since Sept. 25 (Eliot); 18, Essex Co., October 1 (Griscom et al).

SOOTY SHEARWATER: last seen off Monomoy, Sept. 18 (Griscom et al).

GREATER SHEARWATER: 50 Greateres and Cory's off Monomoy, Sept. 18; 3 off Monomoy Beach by the flats, Sept. 26 (Griscom et al).

CORY'S SHEARWATER: only 2 off Monomoy Pt., Sept. 22 (Griscom et al); 2 imm., Little Compton, R. I., Oct. 2 (Clement).

GANNET: 15 plus, off Plum I., Oct. 12 (Griscom et al).

EUROPEAN CORMORANT: 1, Essex Co., Oct. 9 (Griscom et al); 100, Middletown, R. I., Oct. 10 (Drury).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: 400 Plum Is., Sept. 26 (K. Elkins); 150, Middletown, R. I., Oct. 9 (Drury).

AMERICAN EGRET: more than 50 at mouth of the Black River, Springfield, Vt. till Sept. 15 (Game warden); last Concord, Sept. 16 (Armstrong); 5, West Newbury, Sept. 26, (1 Oct. 3 (Touseys); 3, Portsmouth, N.H., Oct. 3 (Walcott); 1, Harvard, Oct. 3 (Peters); 7 as late as Oct. 7, 2 lingered till Oct. 14, Northampton, (Eliot).

- SNOWY EGRET: 1, Quonnochohtaug, R. I., from Sept. 9 - Oct. 8 (Harry S. Hathaway).
- LITTLE BLUE HERON: 3 - 4 Ipswich, Sept. 26, 3, Concord, Sept. 25 (Walcott); last at Concord, Oct. 2 (Miss Armstrong);
- GREEN HERON: Chatham, Sept. 30 (Bishop); Northampton, Oct. 12 (Eliot).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: last Conn. valley, Sept. 27 (Eliot).
- CANADA GOOSE: 10, Ipswich, Oct. 2 (Garrison); Sudbury, Oct. 7 (Griscom); 8, Middletown, R. I., Oct. 12 (fide Drury).
- RED-LEGGED BLACK DUCK: Wachusett Reservoir, Sept. 27 (Crompton); Springfield, Oct. 2. (Eliot); 1000 plus, Plum I., scattering elsewhere, Oct. 1 (Griscom);
- EUROPEAN WIDGEON: 1, West Newbury, Oct. 9 (Garrison).
- BALDPATE: regular at Arcadia & Springfield since Sept. 27 (Eliot); 6, Sterling, Sept. 27 (Crompton); 8, Plum I., 12, Ipswich, Oct. 1 (Griscom); 250, Little Compton, R. I., Oct. 4 (Emerson); 483, Easton's Pond, Newport, R. I., Oct. 12 (Drury).
- PINTAIL: 2, Petersham, Sept. 19 (Allison); 2, Springfield, Sept. 20 (Leshure); regular in Conn. valley since Oct. 2 (Eliot); 1st. at Plum I. Sept. 22 (Safford); apparent increase in Worcester Co., 16, Sterling, Sept. 27 (Crompton); 30, Middletown, R. I., Oct. 8 (Drury); 5, Ipswich, Sept. 26 (K. Elkins).
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL: as common as usual in Conn. valley since Sept. 21 (Eliot); 10, W. Newbury, 130, Ipswich, Oct. 1 (Griscom et al); 9, Little Compton, R. I., Oct. 12 (Clement); 74 Green-wing & Blue-wing, Middletown, R. I., Oct. 15 (Drury).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 100 plus, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 18 (Drury); 45, W. Newbury & 40, Ipswich, Oct. 1 (Griscom et al); peak of 62, Little Compton, R. I., Oct. 3 (Clement); somewhat commoner than usual in Conn. valley.
- SHOVELLER: 3 females, Springfield, Oct. 13 (Eliot); 4 females, Middletown, R. I., Oct. 8, 2, Oct. 15 (Drury).
- WOOD DUCK: 75, Concord River, Sept. 23 (Cottrells); 15, Harwich, Oct. 4 - 10 (Bishop).
- REDHEAD: female, Springfield, Oct. 7, earliest valley record (Leshure); 1 female, South Reservoir, Middlesex Fells, Oct. 12 (Carl T. Small).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 2, W. Newbury, Oct. 9 (Garrison); sev. Oct. 12 (Emilio).
- CANVASBACK: 1 imm. male among Scaups, Pittsfield, Oct. 11 (Hendricks).
- SCAUP DUCK: a few at Northampton & Springfield since Sept. 25 (Eliot); 15, Plum I., Oct. 9 (Griscom); 3, Sterling, Oct. 10 (Crompton).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN-EYE: 1 female, Plum I., Oct. 9 (Griscom).
- BUFFLEHEAD: Plum I., Oct. 9 (Safford).
- OLD-SQUAW: 1 drake, Plum I., Oct. 12 (Griscom et al); 2 drakes, Pleasant Bay, Chatham, Oct. 14 (Bishop).
- AMERICAN EIDER: 30, flying up and down Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom).
- SCOTERS: hundreds in Lower Narragansett Bay, Sept. 27 (Gibbs); a few small flocks are now seen off the Massachusetts coast.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 1, Pittsfield, Sept. 26 (Hendricks); 1, Ludlow, Oct. 11 (Stebbins).
- SURF SCOTER: 1, Holyoke, Oct. 12 (Bagg); 6, Middletown, R. I., Oct. 12 (Drury).
- AM. SCOTER: 10, W. Brookfield, Sept. 12 (Mrs. Dunham), never before so early there; no other reports in Conn. valley.
- RUDDY DUCK: 1, off Plum I., Sept. 16 (C. Robbins); 1, Middletown, R.I., 7 days before last year, Sept. 26, 27, Oct. 15 (Drury); 1, W. Newbury, Oct. 1 (Griscom et al); 12, Little Compton, R. I., Oct. 3 (Emerson); 5, Agawam, Oct. 11 (Leshure).

HOODEN MERGANSER: 2, W. Newbury, Sept. 16 (C. Robbins), 4, Oct. 2 (Garrison); 1, Forest Park, Springfield since Sept. 19 (Leshure).
 RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 1, Gloucester, Sept. 19 (C. Robbins).
 GOSHAWK: Mt. Vernon, Belgrade, Me., Sept. 16 (D. Henry); 1 past Goat Peak, Mt. Tom, Sept. 23 (Allen), 3, Sept. 26 (Nutting).
 COOPER'S HAWK: scattering records throughout; still at Manchester, N.H., Oct. 11 (Goellner).
 RED-TAILED HAWK: 2 ads. migrating south, Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom).
 BROAD-WINGED HAWK: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 25 (Smith); 2, Mt. Tom Sept. 23 (C. Robbins), 3, Sept. 26 (Nutting); 2, Worthington, Oct. 13 (Mrs. Wakeman).
 BALD EAGLE: 4, Mt. Vernon, Me., Sept. 16 (D. Henry); 4, Mt. Tom, Sept. 23 (Allen); 1 nearly adult, W. Newbury, Oct. 2 (Garrison).
 DUCK HAWK: unusual numbers along coast.
 PIGEON HAWK: 7 reported from Conn. valley, Sept. 23 - Oct. 14 (Eliot); 9, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 26 (Clement).
 CANADA SPRUCE GROUSE: fairly on North Moat Mt., N. H., Sept. 18; from several persons' observations seems to be more common in the state than in recent years (A. Lincoln, Jr.).
 VIRGINIA RAIL: last at Longmeadow, Sept. 14 (Leshure); 5, Salisbury, Oct. 9, (Aylward & Hanly); still common Middletown, R. I., Oct. 15 (Drury).
 SORA: dozens in wild rice marsh on Herring River, N. Harwich, Sept. 19 & 20 (Garrison); 1, Monomoy, Sept 21 (Griscom); common Middletown, R. I., Oct. 15 (Drury).
 FLORIDA GALLINULE: 1, Monomoy Pt. Pd., Sept. 26 (Griscom et al); 1, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 26, 2, Oct. 12 (Drury); 2, S. Windsor, Conn., Sept. 18 (McDavid).
 AM. COOT: 20, Claremont, N. H., Sept. 22 (Smith); 1, Springfield, Oct. 12 - 13 (Bagg); 7, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 21, 200, Oct. 8-15 (Drury).
 PIPING PLOVER: last at Monomoy, 2, Sept. 26 (Griscom et al).
 SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER: 1, Hadley, Sept. 23 (Leshure).
 GOLDEN PLOVER: 3, Nauset, Sept. 18 (Garrison et al); almost daily at Plum I. Sept. 22 - Oct. 4 (Safford); 1, Plum I., Oct. 12 (Emilio); 2, Northampton, Oct. 3 (Eliot et al).
 BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: common on coast throughout period; unusually numerous along Conn. River, 5-6 birds from Sept. 23 - Oct. 2, ordinarily considered accidental there (Eliot).
 WOODCOCK: 15, Salisbury, Oct. 9 (Aylward & Hanly); big flight, Chester, Oct. 10 (H. E. Woods).
 WILSON'S SNIPES: 25, Salisbury, Oct. 9 (Aylward & Hanly); fewer than usual, about 8 reported in Conn. valley since Sept. 25 (Eliot).
 HUDSONIAN CURLEW: 3, Hampton, Oct. 18 (Miss Meigs); 4, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 19 (Drury); 2, Little Duck I., Me. Sept. 19-25 (Mann); regularly at Plum I. till Oct. 6 (Safford); Nelson's I., Rowley, Oct. 7 (Hagar).
 SPOTTED SANDPIPER: Oxbow, Northampton, Oct. 14 (Eliot).
 SOLITARY SANDPIPER: very few in east. Mass.; Andover & Salisbury, N.H., Oct. 11 (Elkins); W. Springfield, Oct. 13 (Eliot).
 GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: fairly common Conn. valley since Sept. 25 (Eliot).
 LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: 1, Shrewsbury, Oct. 4 (Crompton); 2, W. Springfield, Oct. 13 (Eliot).
 PECTORAL SANDPIPER: common as usual since Sept. 20 in Conn. valley (Eliot).
 WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: W. Springfield, Oct. 4 (Leshure); Hadley, Oct. 13 (Eliot).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: Monomoy, Sept. 19 (Griscom et al); Ipswich, Sept. 18 (Robbins) & Sept. 26 (Touseys).

LEAST SANDPIPER: Monomoy, Sept. 26 (Griscom); W. Springfield, Oct. 12 (Bagg & Taber).

RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 50, Newburyport, Oct. 9 (Griscom); 8, W. Springfield, Oct. 14-15 (Leshure); 1, Hadley, Oct. 15 (Eliot).

EASTERN DOWITCHER: 2, Monomoy, Sept. 26 (Griscom).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 1 collected, Newburyport, Oct. 7 proved to be this sub-species as suspected (Hagar); 11, W. Newbury, Oct. 1-12 (Griscom & Allen).

STILT SANDPIPER: 6, W. Newbury, Oct. 3, (Touseys); 2, Madaket Harbor, Nantucket, Oct. 7 (Mrs. Shurrocks).

WESTERN SANDPIPER: Middletown, R. I., Sept. 16 (Drury); Monomoy, Sept. 25 (C. Robbins); Ipswich, Sept. 26 (Touseys) & Oct. 2 (Garrison).

MARbled GODWIT: Plum I., Sept. 20 & Oct. 7 (Safford); Monomoy, Sept. 26 (Griscom); 3, Nauset, Oct. 9 (Hagar).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT: 3, Plum I., Oct. 7 (Hagar).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE: remarkable inland record, Sunderland, Oct. 2 (Nutting); 1 on flats, Monomoy, Sept. 26 (Griscom).

POMARINE JAEGER: 2 off Monomoy Pt., Sept. 18, several Sept. 19 (Griscom).

PARASITIC JAEGER: last seen off Ipswich, Sept. 18 (C. Robbins); 10, Monomoy Pt., Sept. 19 (Griscom), 1 there Sept. 25 (Robbins); last at Little Compton, R. I., Oct. 2 & Middletown, R. I., Oct. 10 (Clement).

GREAT BACK-BACKED GULL: 60, Middletown, R. I., Oct. 12 (Drury).

BONAPARTE'S GULL: rare in fall in Conn. valley, 1, Hadley, Sept. 23 (Leshure); 5, New London, Conn., Oct. 16 (Miss Stiles).

ROSEATE TERN: 1, Chatham, Sept. 26 (Griscom); last flight seen in Narragansett Bay, Oct. 9, last individual Oct. 12 (Gibbs).

CASPIAN TERN: 1, Little Compton, R.I., Sept. 11 (Emerson); Kittery, Me., Sept. 19 (F. A. Saunders); 2 & 2, Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom et al).

BLACK TERN: Monomoy, Sept. 21 (Griscom & Garrison).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: last Springfield, Sept. 24 (Dietrich); 4, Morris I. & Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom); Chocorua, N. H., Oct. 11 (A. Lincoln).

GREAT HORNED OWL: flushed from the Cedar swamp, seen and heard being heckled by Crows, Morris I., Sept. 19 (Griscom et al).

BARRED OWL: Harwichport, Oct. 13, seen chased by Jays in broad daylight, later seen several times at twilight (Bishop).

LONG-EARED OWL: Boxford, Sept. 17 (Taber & Stackpole).

SHORT-EARED OWL: 2, Plum I., Oct. 3 (Safford).

SAW-WHET OWL: Boxford, Sept. 17 (Taber & Stackpole).

NIGHTHAWK: some seen at Northampton & Athol up to Sept. 26 (Eliot & Allison), previous latest Conn. valley dates, Sept. 17, 1892, Sept. 27 1887; Swampscott, Oct. 2 (Southack), Hartford, Conn., Oct. 3 (McDavid); 5, Cambridge, Oct. 5 (Cottrells).

CHIMNEY SWIFT: 5, Concord River, Sept. 23 (Cottrells); Harvard, Sept. 25 (Peters); Hartford, Conn., Sept. 26 (McDavid); Flock at Longmeadow, Oct. 2, 6, 12 (Eliot, Leshure, Bagg), exceptionally late.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: last Ossipee, N. H., Sept. 17 (Mrs. Pratt); W. Brookfield, Sept. 22 (Conkey); Plum I., Sept. 23 (Safford).

FLICKER: flight Plum I., Sept. 24 (Safford); very few in Conn. valley after first frost Oct. 9 (Eliot).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1 adult, Chatham, Sept. 26 (Griscom). 1 imm., Athol, Oct. 2-11 (Allison).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 26 (Smith); scarce this year in Ossipee, N. H. (Mrs. Pratt); scarce this fall in east. Mass.; usual nos. in Conn. Valley, Sept. 21 - Oct. 12 (Eliot).

- EASTERN KINGBIRD: last Morris I., Sept. 21 (Griscom); Middletown, R. I., Oct. 9 (Drury).
- ARKANSAS KINGBIRD: 2, Plum I., Sept. 28 & 30 (Safford); Rockport, Oct. 6, third year at same spot (Esther Johnson).
- N. CRESTED FLYCATCHER: Chester, Vt., Sept. 21 (Smith).
- PHOEBE: last Hebron, N. H., Oct. 13 (K. Elkins).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: Cavendish, Vt., Sept. 20 (Smith).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: only 1 reported in Conn. Valley, Sept. 21 (Eliot); unusual on outer Cape, 2, Morris I., Sept. 22 (Griscom et al).
- WOOD PEWEE: last seen Harwich, Sept. 26 (Bishop); Springfield, Oct. 2 (Leshure); late straggler, Annisquam, Oct. 13 (K. Tousey).
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: Cambridge, Sept. 17 (Griscom); New Britain, Conn., Sept. 25 (Schmidt).
- TREE SWALLOW: last Conn. valley, Sept. 15; E. Granby, Conn. sky full eve of Sept. 25, all left that night (Holcomb); W. Newbury, Sept. 26 (Touseys).
- BANK SWALLOW: last S. Windsor, Conn., Sept. 18 (McDavid); Longmeadow, Sept. 17 (Leshure), much the latest valley record; W. Newbury, Sept. 26 (Touseys), latest.
- BARN SWALLOW: last at Little Duck I., Me., Sept. 18 (Mann); Northampton, Sept. 22 (Eliot); W. Newbury, Sept. 26 (Touseys).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: Morris I., Sept. 21 (Griscom & Garrison).
- BROWN CREEPER: Beverly, Sept. 19 (Emilio); 4, Springfield, Sept. 22 (Leshure); singing, Wells River, Vt., Sept. 29 (Smith), unusual in fall.
- HOUSE WREN: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 29 (Smith); N. Hadley, Oct. 3 (Crompton); Manchester, N. H., Oct. 8 (Goellner); Nahant, Oct. 12 (Griscom); Milton, Oct. 13, banded (Mrs. Peabody), very late.
- WINTER WREN: Morris I., Sept. 22 (Griscom et al); fairly common in Ct. Valley since Sept. 23 (Eliot); 2, Concord, Oct. 12 (Miss Armstrong); Nauset, Oct. 14, in thicket about stagnant pools in front of coast guard station (Bishop); Middletown, R. I., Oct. 15 (Drury); Northampton, Conn., Oct. 15 (Griswold).
- LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: 1 in bayberry bush, Morris I., Sept. 22 (Griscom et al); Springfield, Sept. 24 (Dietrich); 2 Newburyport, Oct. 9 (Griscom).
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: 1, Morris I., Sept. 21 & Monomoy, Sept. 26 (Griscom & Garrison); most unusual; Manchester, N. H., Oct. 1 (Goellner); Springfield, Oct. 11 (Dietrich); pretty late.
- MOCKINGBIRD: Northampton, Sept. 25 (Eliot et al); Hammonasset Park, Conn. Oct. 4 (Miss Hunt).
- CATBIRD: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 29 (Smith); W. Newbury, Oct. 10 (Griscom, Richardson); Northampton, Oct. 14 (Eliot); Manchester, N.H., Oct. 15 (Goellner).
- BROWN THRASHER: Nahant, Oct. 12 (Griscom et al).
- WOOD THRUSH: Hartford, Sept. 26 (McDavid); Northampton, Oct. 5 (Eliot).
- HERMIT THRUSH: common Northampton since Oct. 2 (Eliot); 2, S. Harwich, Oct. 5 (Bishop).
- OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: Cambridge, Sept. 16 (Taber); Monomoy, Sept. 21 (Griscom & Garrison); last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 24 (Smith); commoner than usual Conn. valley Sept. 21 - Oct. 5 (Eliot); Middletown, R. I., Sept. 26 (Drury); Essex Co., Oct. 9 (Griscom); Northampton, Oct. 11 (Mrs. Wakeman).
- BICKNELL'S THRUSH: Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom et al).
- VEERY: Morris I., Sept. 21 (Garrison & Griscom), very late.

- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: Cohasset, Aug. 24 (Dr. May); Morris I., Sept. 16 (Eliot).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 30, Morris I., Sept. 21 (Griscom); in unusual numbers on outer Cape since (Bishop); arrived Manchester, N. H., Sept. 22 (Goellner); Northampton, Sept. 24 (Eliot).
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: Jackman, Me., Aug. 20, phenomenally early, next one, Sept. 13 (A. Phillips); arrived Petersham, Sept. 19 (Allison); Northampton, Sept. 21 (Eliot); Manchester, N. H., Sept. 22 (Goellner); Morris I., Sept. 26 (Griscom); Fall River, Oct. 12 (Clement).
- AMERICAN PIPIT: 7, Williamsburg, Sept. 13 (Graves), earliest ever in Valley; Holyoke, Sept. 24 (Leshure), common in valley since Oct. 2 (Eliot); Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom et al); 25, Manchester, N. H., Sept. 26 (Goellner); Middletown, R. I., Sept. 28 (Drury); Little Compton, R. I., Oct. 3 (Clement).
- MIGRANT SHRIKE: Plum I., Sept. 21 (Safford); 1, singing, L. Granby, Conn., Sept. 23, 1 in same place, Oct. 1 (Miss Holcomb); Springfield, Oct. 11 (Dietrich).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: last Manchester, N. H., Sept. 22 (Goellner); 1 singing at Northampton, Sept. 24 (Eliot).
- BLUE-HEADED VIREO: common Conn. Valley Sept. 21 - Oct. 12, one present at end of period (Eliot); Belmont, Sept. 20 - Oct. 8 (Robbins); Morris I., Sept. 30 (Bishop), most unusual on outer Cape; last Jackman, Me., Oct. 7 (Phillips); Manchester, N. H., Oct. 15 (Goellner).
- RED-EYED VIREO: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 16 (Smith); regular in Conn. Valley thru Oct. 3, 1 still present Oct. 10 (Eliot); Jackman, Me., Oct. 7 (Phillips).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: at least 1 breeding pr. Jackman, Me. seen gathering nesting material, May 26, last one present there Sept. 16 (A. Phillips); Cambridge, Sept. 17, Morris I., Sept. 21 (Griscom); dead bird in good condition, Albany, N. H., Sept. 24 (A. Lincoln); Northampton, Oct. 4 (Leshure); previous latest in Valley, Oct. 1; Middletown, R. I., Oct. 10 (Clement); Lincoln, Oct. 12 (C. H. Blake).
- WARBLING VIREO: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 16 (Smith); singing Northampton, Sept. 21-22 (Eliot & Wakeman).
- BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER: last Wells River Vt., Sept. 17 (Smith); Northampton, Sept. 30 (Eliot); Nahant, Oct. 3 (K. Elkins).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1, Monomoy, Sept. 21, 2 imm., Sept. 22 (Griscom et al); only 1 Northampton, Sept. 22 (Wakeman), ordinarily half a dozen are seen in this period.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: Northampton, Oct. 5, 11, 12 (Eliot & Wakeman); Belmont, Oct. 13 (Robbins); Nauset, Oct. 14 (Bishop); Middletown, R. I., Oct. 8 (Drury).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: Jackman, Me., Oct. 6 (Phillips), late; Last Eeverly & Nahant, Oct. 12 (Emilio); Conn. Valley, Oct. 12 (Eliot).
- PARULA WARBLER: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 16 (Smith); fairly common Conn. Valley to Oct. 9 (Eliot); 2, Harwich, Oct. 8 (Bishop); Lynnfield Oct. 9 (Griscom).
- YELLOW WARBLER: Jackman, Me., Aug. 14-22 (A. Phillips), late.
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 2, Morris I., Sept. 16 (Eliot); abundant Northampton, Sept. 21-24, last Holyoke, Oct. 12 (Bagg); 2, Manchester, N. H., Oct. 5 (Goellner).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: not reported in Conn. Valley this fall; 2 (1 ad. 1 im Morris I., 1, Monomoy, Sept. 21, 1 imm., Morris I., Sept. 22 (Griscom

- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: last Wells River, Vt., Sept. 24 (Smith); only 3 Conn. Valley Sept. 22 - Oct. 8 (Eliot); last Manchester, N. H., Oct. 8 (Goellner); only 1 report from Essex Co. all fall; Morris I. Sept. 21 & 22 (Garrison & Griscom).
- MYRTLE WARBLER: arrived Athol, Sept. 20 (Allison); 2, Chatham, Sept. 23 (Griscom); abundant Conn. Valley Oct. 3 (Eliot); large flocks Essex Co., Oct. 9 - 12.
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: last Wells River, Vt., Oct. 8 (Smith); Jackman, Me., Oct. 9 (Phillips); Nahant, Oct. 10 (Poor); Northampton, Oct. 11 (Eliot).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: only 2 in Conn. Valley Sept. 22 & 27 (Eliot & Wakeman).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: a few Sept. 14-24, one very late in Conn. Valley Oct. 8 (Eliot); Essex Co., Sept. 26 (Touseys).
- BAY BREASTED WARBLER: Cambridge, Sept. 17 (Griscom) & 18 (K. Elkins); bred, probably 2 prs., Jackman, Me., last bird, Sept. 21 (Phillips); Monomoy, Sept. 21 (Griscom); none in Conn. Valley this fall.
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: last Wells River Vt., Sept. 26 (Smith); 2, Monomoy, Sept. 30 (Bishop); Plum I., Oct. 7 (Safford); last Northampton, Oct., 14.
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: Beverly, Sept. 19 (Emilio); Northampton, Sept. 24 (Eliot); 2, Chatham, Sept. 26 (Robbins); Middletown, R. I., Oct. 3 (Drury).
- WESTERN PALM WARBLER: in unusual nos. outer Cape Sept. 13 on (Griscom); fairly common Conn. Valley, Sept. 21 - Oct. 11 (Eliot); E. Granby, Conn. Sept. 27 (Holcomb); 10, Waltham, Oct. 10 (Bergstrom).
- YELLOW PALM WARBLER: Beverly, Sept. 19 (Emilio). Morris I. Sept. 22 (Griscom et al); Northampton, Sept. 25, common till Oct. 14 (Eliot).
- OVEN-BIRD: Northampton, Sept. 22 (Eliot); 2, Concord, Oct. 15 (Armstrong).
- NO. WATER-THRUSH: Morris I., Sept. 21 (Griscom); Northampton, Sept. 22 (Eliot); Plum I., Oct. 7 (Safford).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: unusual no. east. Mass.; Cambridge, Sept. 17 (Griscom); Beverly, Sept. 19 (Emilio); 1 plus 4 probable ones, Monomoy, Sept. 21, 1, Morris I., 1, Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom et al) Nahant, Oct. 10 (Taber & Stackpole); 8 - 10 in Conn. Valley, Sept. 20 - Oct. 11 (Eliot & Wakeman).
- NORTHERN YELLOW-THROAT: Jackman, Me., Oct. 10 (Phillips).
- MOORING WARBLER: last Springfield, Sept. 25 (Leshure).
- HOODED WARBLER: Hadlyme, Conn., Sept. 16 (Brockway).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: Cambridge, Sept. 18 (Elkins); 2, Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom), unusual on outer Cape; Harvard, Oct. 3 (Peters); 2, Manchester, N. H., Oct. 3 (Goellmer); 3 in Conn. Valley Sept. 21 - Oct. 2 (Eliot & Madeira).
- AM. REDSTART: Nahant, Oct. 3 (K. Elkins); Athol, Oct. 4 (Allison); Harwich, Oct. 4 (Bishop).
- BOBOLINK: last Longmeadow, Sept. 18 (Leshure); Dedham, Oct. 3 (F. H. Allen), late.
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 1, Monomoy, Sept. 26 (Bishop), most unusual for outer Cape; 1st at Holyoke, Sept. 26 (Bagg).
- SCARLET TANAGER: Cambridge, Sept. 16 (Griscom); migrants, Jackman, Me., Sept. 23 (Phillips); Manchester, N. H., Sept. 26 (Goellner); Monomoy, Sept. 26 (Griscom et al), unusual for outer Cape; fewer than usual in Conn. Valley, Sept. 15 - Oct. 5 (Eliot).

- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: Monomoy, Sept. 21, Eastham & Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom & Garrison), unusual for outer Cape; last Springfield, Sept. 25 (Leshure).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1, Morris I., Sept. 22 (Griscom et al), unusual on outer Cape; regularly in Conn. Valley thru Oct. 6 (Eliot); 1 trapped and banded at Manchester, N. H. Oct. 15 (Goellner).
- EVENING GROSBEAK: 2, Williamsburg, Sept. 29 (Graves).
- TOWHEE: Manchester, N. H., Oct. 14 (Goellner); Springfield, Oct. 14 (Leshure).
- LABRADOR SAVANNAH SPARROW: Groton, Oct. 11 (W. P. Wharton), specimen identified by J. L. Peters.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: Holyoke, Sept. 26 (Bagg).
- ACADIAN SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 2, Monomoy, Sept. 26 (Griscom); Northampton, Oct. 3 (Eliot).
- EASTERN LARK SPARROW: 1, Nauset, Sept. 19 (Bishop); 2, Plum I., Sept. 28 (Safford).
- SLATE-COLORED JUNCO: arrived Northampton, Sept. 21 (Eliot); 2, Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom et al).
- TREE SPARROW: early reports, Williamsburg, Sept. 30 (Graves); several, Bedford, Oct. 7 (Clemenson); Grafton, Oct. 7 (Crompton); Chester, Oct. 8 (Woods); Northampton, Oct. 11 (Wakeman).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: no unusual flight; numerous reports from east. Mass., 1st at Harvard, Sept. 29 (Peters); 1st, reported from Springfield, Sept. 28 - Oct. 6 (Leshure et al); not at Northampton till Oct. 8, many Oct. 13 (Eliot); Jackman, Me., Sept. 23 & Oct. 7 (Phillips); 1st. Wells River, Vt., Sept. 28 (Smith); Manchester, N. H., Sept. 22 (Goellner).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: normal nos. this fall in east. Mass.; Beverly Sept. 19 (Emilio); 2, Morris I., Sept. 21 (Garrison & Griscom); Springfield, Sept. 18, Northampton, Sept. 21 (Eliot).
- FOX SPARROW: Williamsburg, Sept. 26 (Graves); several Bedford, Oct. 11 (Clemenson); Andover, N. H., Oct. 12 (K. Elkins); one in western hills Oct. 13 (Wakeman); big flight in Conn. Valley, Oct. 14 (Eliot).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: common as usual in Conn. Valley, Sept. 21 - Oct. 14, maximum nos. Sept. 21-23, Oct. 2-3 (Eliot); 1, Morris I., Sept. 21, 2, Sept. 22 (Griscom et al); Manchester, N. H., Sept. 23 - Oct. 1 (Goellner); 1, Nahant, Oct. 10 (Taber & Stackpole); 1 banded at Belmont, Oct. 12, 1 seen Oct. 13 (C. Robbins).
- LAPLAND LONGSPUR: 1, Ipswich, Sept. 26 (Touseys), very early.
- SNOW BUNTING: large flock on top of Mt. Washington, N. H., Oct. 1 (Mrs. Mills).

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This period has provided excitement, two great migration waves with a necessary lull in between. The warm spell throughout New England, beginning with a southwest wind on March nineteenth, reaching its peak on March twenty-third with the second warmest March day on record in the Boston region (even as far north as Wells River, Vt., the temperature was 74°), ending on March twenty-fifth, induced tremendous flocks of Blackbirds, Robins and Song Sparrows, good numbers of Juncos and Fox Sparrows to fly northwards. Ruby-crowned Kinglets and Pine Warblers came early at this time to the Connecticut Valley. During the cold days, April 3 - 11, everything was static. A second warm wave, starting on April 12, brought many new migrants, seven new species arriving that day at Wells River. Such exceptional weather has caused early arrival records, notable among which are the Brown Thrasher and Towhee in eastern Massachusetts, the Rough-winged and Barn Swallow in Connecticut, and the Blue-headed Vireo in the Connecticut Valley.

The duck migration has been poor; birds arrived early in small numbers, departing soon afterwards. Very few hawks have been reported.

COMMON LOON: less than usual in Conn. valley; heavy migration Essex Co. March 20.

RED-THROATED LOON: 6, Monomoy, Mar. 21, 1, S. Chatham, Mar. 27 (Bishop); Fall River, Mar. 23 (Cook); 2 off M. Vineyard, Mar. 26 (Eliots); Bonnet Shores, R. I., Apr. 11 (Dean).

HOLBOELL'S GREBE: 1 off Squibnocket, Mar. 27 (Eliots); 12, 1 in spring plumage, Middletown, R. I., Apr. 7 (Drury).

HORNED GREBE: many off Plum I., Apr. 3 (Touseys); 2 on Ludlow reservoir, Apr. 12 (Stebbins).

WESTERN GREBE: seen again this year offshore at Hampton Beach, N. H. on Apr. 3 (Goellner).

PIED-BILLED GREBE: returned to Lynn where pair has bred for several years on Mar. 20, earliest date for Essex Co. (Batchelder); 2, Wayland, Mar. 21, earliest date for region (Eaton); Southamptn, Mar. 23 (Bagg); 2, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 26 (Saunders).

EASTERN BROWN PELICAN: 1, found dead at the mouth of the Presumscot R. in Maine, week of Apr. 3, was taken to the Portland Society of Natural History apparently the first record for the state.

GANNET: a good many at Monomoy, Mar. 16 (Stewart); hundreds off Gay Head, Mar. 27 (Eliots); 65, off Squibnocket, Apr. 6 - 9 (Hornblower).

GREAT BLUE HERON: Northampton, Mar. 16 (Combs), next 1 in Conn. valley, Athol, Mar. 23 (Buchanan); Sudbury, Mar. 20 (Smith); W. Newbury, Mar. 27 (Taber); 1 at Hancock, N. H., flying over ice, Apr. 1 (Perkins); Ossipee, N. H., Apr. 2 (Pratt).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 1st. in Hell Cat Swamp, Plum I., Mar. 20, flight Apr. 1 and 2, more than 300 Apr. 10 (Safford); 1st at Fairfield, Conn. and Warren, R. I., Mar. 27 (Saunders and Bowen); 2, Belmont, Apr. 1 (Robbins); arrived S. Chatham, Apr. 3 (Bishop); Agawam, Apr. 10 (Eliot).

- AM. BITTERN: S. Chatham, Mar. 27 (Bishop); W. Newbury, Mar. 27 (Elkins); Sudbury, Apr. 2 (Brewer); Agawam, Apr. 4 (Stebbins); Manchester, N. H., Apr. 11 (Goellner).
- CANADA GOOSE: 576, Plum I., Mar. 19, more than 600, Mar. 27 (Safford); large nos. reported from Wellfleet around Mar. 20, last seen 12 in flight, S. Chatham, Mar. 27 (Bishop); huge flight in Conn. valley, Mar. 29, 150 Williamsburg, Apr. 4, big flock, Apr. 12 (Graves); very large flocks over Manchester and Ossipee, N. H., Apr. 4 (Goellner and Pratt).
- AM. BRANT: 16, Pleasant Bay, Chatham, Mar. 29 (Abbott); 45, Nauset, Mar. 22; 75, Monomoy, Apr. 3, - 15; 20, Chatham Port, Apr. 15 (Bishop).
- MALLARD: Norfolk, Mar. 19 (Bristol); Sudbury, Mar. 22 (Griscom); pr. E. Billerica, Mar. 23 (Alexander); Kingston, R. I., Mar. 24 (Dean); Still River, Mar. 29 (Benchley); 2 drakes, 1 duck, Eastham, Apr. 2 (Richardson et al); pr. Squibnocket, Apr. 7 (Hornblower). A few transients in Conn. valley.
- GADWALL: pr in Wenham swamp, Apr. 12 (Griscom et al), very rare migrant, especially in spring.
- BALDPATE: 20, Bonnet Shores, R. I., Mar. 23 (Dean); 1 drake on M. Vineyard, Mar. 27 (Eliots); pr. S. Chatham, Apr. 4 (Bishop); 15, Sakonnet, R. I., Mar. 27, 20, Apr. 15 (Dean); only 8 birds left at Little Compton, R. I., Apr. 3, only 4 at end of period (Clement).
- PINTAIL: 25, Sakonnet, R. I., Mar. 27 (Dean); 1, Sudbury, Mar. 22 (Richardson); pr., Apr. 2 (Allen et al); 1, Wenham, 6, Ipswich, Apr. 12 (Griscom); 6, Tiverton, R. I., Apr. 15 (Dean).
- EUROPEAN TEAL: very rare migrant, 1 drake at Chatham Crest, Apr. 7 (Bishop); a drake at Clark's Pd., Ipswich, Apr. 10 (Emilio et al), present Apr. 12 (Griscom) and Apr. 13 (Stewart); it is interesting to speculate whether the same bird visited both places.
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL: So. Lincoln, Mar. 19 (Armstrong); 12, Ipswich, Mar. 20 (Cottrells and Richardson), 50, Apr. 13, departed that night (Stewart); 2 prs., Longmeadow, Mar. 25 (Leshure), usual nos. in valley since; 7, Sakonnet, R. I., Mar. 27 (Dean).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: So. Lincoln, Mar. 19 (Armstrong); pr. arrived at Ipswich, Mar. 20, (Griscom); 2, Sakonnet, R. I., Mar. 27 (Dean); 1, Sudbury, Mar. 27 (Brewer); pr., Norfolk, Mar. 29 (Bristol); pr. Tiverton, Mar. 27, 7, Apr. 3 (Kraus et al); a few in Agawam Mar. 29 (Leshure), fairly common since Apr. 4 in Conn. valley; 2 prs. Chatham Crest, Apr. 7 (Bishop).
- SHOVELLER: 1 drake arrived at Squibnocket Pd. about Mar. 19, still present Apr. 9 (Hornblower).
- WOOD DUCK: arrived at Concord, N. H., Mar. 20 (Mr. F. B. White's earliest record); 5, Rutland, Vermont, Mar. 28 (Ross).
- REDHEAD: 1 pr. at Monomoy Point Pond, Mar. 21 (Bishop), unusual visitor to outer Cape; the 2 drakes 1st. seen on Ludlow reservoir, Mar. 14 were last noted on Mar. 21 by Miss Stebbins.
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 4, Providence reservoir, Mar. 20 (Wood and Childs); a few seen in east. Mass., pr. at Sterling, Mar. 20 (C. Allen); 3, Sudbury, Mar. 22 (Griscom), 5, Apr. 2 (Touseys); 5 drakes, Eastham, Apr. 2 (Alexander); pr. Lakeville, Apr. 3 (Elkins); fairly common at Ludlow, seen nowhere else in Conn. valley, through Apr. 12 (Eliot); pr. Tewksbury Apr. 11 (Alexander).
- CANVASBACK: 1, Kingston, R. I., Mar. 24, 60, Apr. 4 (Dean); 1 at Woods Pd., Lenox, Apr. 3 (S. Waldo Bailey).
- GREATER SCAUP: 3000 at Bristol, Apr. 6 (Drury); 1000 still present off Wollaston Beach (MacCoy); not nearly as many as usual in Conn. valley.

LESSER SCAUP: 9, Middletown, R. I., Apr. 7 (Drury); 2, Squibnocket, Apr. 7 (Hornblower); 4 drakes, 1 duck, Ludlow, Apr. 12 - 14 (Stebbins).
GOLDEN-EYE: only a few present off outer Cape at end of period; not reported in Conn. valley since Apr. 10; still present at Fresh Pd., Cambridge.
BUFFLEHEAD: height of migration on outer Cape, Mar. 20 -25 (Bishop); 1 imm. Holyoke, Mar. 28 - 31 (Bagg).
HARLEQUIN DUCK: 12, off Squibnocket, Apr. 1, 6, Apr. 8 (Cook and Hornblower).
KING EIDER: 1 drake at mouth of Merrimac River, Mar. 27 (Taber et al); still present.
AM. EIDER: present in full nos. at Chatham, Mar. 20, very few following day at Monomoy, about 20 still at Chatham (Bishop); 2500, Pleasant Bay Mar. 29 (Abbott).
SURF SCOTER: 100 at Madison and Saybrook, Conn., Mar. 28 (Hunt); only 2 left at Middletown, R. I., Apr. 7 (Drury); 30, Essex Co. Mar. 20 (Griscom).
AM. SCOTER: 2 drakes, Monomoy, Apr. 3 (Richardson et al); 30, off Squibnocket, Apr. 6 - 9 (Hornblower); 2 drakes, 1 duck, Ipswich, Apr. 12 (Griscom).
RUDDY DUCK: 1, Lynnfield, Mar. 20 (Griscom); 15, Great Pd., Eastham, 12, Pleasant Bay, Apr. 2 (Richardson et al); 300, Squibnocket, Apr. 6 - 9 (Hornblower).
HOODED MERGANSER: several reports; 2, Norfolk, Mar. 19 (Bristol); 4, Concord, Mar. 20 (Taber); 5, Plum I., Apr. 6 (Safford); 1 female, Ipswich for 3 wks, till Apr. 15 (Stewart); Kingston, R. I., Apr. 4, Tiverton, Apr. 15 (Dean); 5, Turner's Falls, Mar. 20 (J. Bagg); 1, Hatfield, Mar. 27 (Madeira); 1, Northampton, Apr. 6 and 13 (Eliot); 2, Rutland, Vt., Mar. 28 (Ross).
AMERICAN MERGANSER: E. Harwich, Mar. 20 (Bishop).
TURKEY VULTURE: rare visitor to Massachusetts, 1 well seen flying over Worcester turnpike at Chestnut Hill, Apr. 3 (Edwin A. Benchley, Jr. and Sr.); 1 near Hadlyme, Conn., Apr. 3 (Bulkeley); 1 at Cummington, Apr. 12 (fide Bagg).
GOSHAWK: 1 at Still River, Mar. 29, surprised while it was on the ground (Benchley); 1 at N. Chester, Mar. 30 and Apr. 2 (H. E. Woods).
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: Wells River, Vt., Mar. 31 (Smith); Manchester, N.H., Mar. 22 (Goellner); Belmont, Mar. 28 (S. Robbins, Jr.); only reported in period from Conn. valley at Deerfield, 2, Apr. 6 (R. Alexander).
COOPER'S HAWK: 1st. reported from Massachusetts at Newbury, Mar. 20 (Griscom); later seen at Belchertown, N. Tewksbury, Wayland, Sudbury, Still River, Boxford, Middleton, Lincoln, Shirley (pr. found nesting by C. Colburn); Kingston and Middletown, R. I.; Rutland, Vt., Apr. 7 (Ross).
RED-TAILED HAWK: Concord, Mar. 22 (Griscom); Manchester, N. H., Mar. 23 (Goellner); Belmont, Mar. 24 (Robbins); pr. near Brewster, Mar. 29 (Abbott); Sudbury, Apr. 2 (Benchley); S. Chatham, Apr. 4, only 1 on outer Cape (Bishop); Scituate, R. I., Apr. 9 (Dean).
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: Wells River, Vt., Mar. 24 (Smith); Rutland, Vt., Apr. 3 (Ross).
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: none on the Vineyard, Mar. 26 - 27 (Eliots); 1, Ipswich, Mar. 27 (Elkins and Robbins).
BALD EAGLE: Lincoln, Mar. 19 (Blakes); Plum I., Mar. 23 (Safford); Northampton, Apr. 6 - 8 (Eliot and Benchley).
MARSH HAWK: usual nos. in Conn. valley since Mar. 16 (Eliot); flight at Plum I., Mar. 21 (Safford); Sudbury, Mar. 19 (Brookline Bird Club); 1st at Wells River, Vt., Apr. 3 (Smith).

- OSPREY: Lincoln, Mar. 19 (Blakes), earliest date on record; Tiverton, R. I., Mar. 20 (Clement), early; Northampton, Mar. 23 (Combs); Athol, Mar. 25 (Allison); Upper Narragansett Bay, R. I., Mar. 24 (Gibbs); W. Newbury, Mar. 27 (Taber); Concord, N. H., Mar. 29 (Mr. White's earliest date for the species); Manchester, N. H., Apr. 4 (Goellner); 5, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 10 (Saunders).
- DUCK HAWK: 1st. noted at the eyries in Conn. valley, Mar. 19 and 20; 2 eggs at Monument Mt., Mar. 27 (Wilkinson); Monomoy, Mar. 29 (Abbott); New Britain, Conn. week of Mar. 29 (Carlson).
- SPARROW HAWK: 1st. at Wells River, Vt., Mar. 27 (Smith).
- RUFFED GROUSE: 1st. drumming at Wells River, Vt., Apr. 14 (Smith).
- VIRGINIA RAIL: 1 in road, recently dead, Saybrook, Conn., Mar. 27 (Bulkeley); Ipswich, Apr. 10 (Emilio), early; Belmont, Apr. 15 (Griscom).
- FLORIDA GALLINULE: 1, S. Windsor, Conn., Apr. 12 (Holcomb), 9 days earlier than check list for region.
- AM. COOT: rare spring migrant, several reports; 1, Suffield, Conn., Mar. 25 - Apr. 2 (Stebbins); pr., Billerica, Mar. 23 (Alexander), early; 1, W. Newbury, Mar. 27 (Elkins); 3, Norfolk, Mar. 28 (Bristol); So. Windsor, Conn., Mar. 29 (Hunt); 75 winterers present at Squibnocket Apr. 6 - 9 (Hornblower); 3, Ipswich, Apr. 12 (Griscom).
- PIPING PLOVER: 1, Nauset, Mar. 22 (Bishop); common on M. Vineyard, Mar. 26 - 27 (Eliots); 1, Ipswich Beach, Mar. 27 (Foye); 6, Little Compton, R. I., Apr. 1 (Bowen); 6, Seabrook, N. H., Apr. 3 (H. Shaw).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 1, Westport, Apr. 2 (Robbins).
- WOODCOCK: 1st. reported from Chester, Mar. 17 (Woods); Manchester, N. H., Mar. 23 (Goellner); Ossipee, N. H., Mar. 28 (Pratt).
- WILSON'S SNIPES: unusually heavy spring flight, very early arrivals; 2, near Hartford, Conn., Mar. 19 (Uxley); 2, Wayland, Mar. 21 (Maynard); 1, W. Newbury, Mar. 27 (Elkins); 5 - 6, Amherst, Apr. 14 (Eliot).
- GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: 3, Monomoy, Mar. 19 (J. D. Smith); very early, Horseneck Beach, Apr. 1 (Bowen); 4, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 11 (Saunders); 25, Plum I., Apr. 15 (Safford).
- RED PHALAROPE: pr. in Squibnocket Pd., Apr. 11, 1 dead from oil, the other alive and healthy (Hornblower and Cook).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 still present at Plum I.
- ICELAND GULL: Scituate, Apr. 5 (Gleason).
- KUMLIEN'S GULL: Plum I., Mar. 27 (Elkins and Robbins).
- LAUGHING GULL: 1, Scituate, Apr. 5 (Gleason); 6, Waquoit, Apr. 6 (Minots); 6, Vineyard Sd., Apr. 6 (Hornblower); 5, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 9 (Mr. Saunder's earliest in 30 years of records); 1st. Upper Narragansett Bay, R. I., Apr. 9, many Apr. 10 (Gibbs); 6, Chatham, Apr. 15 (Bishop).
- KITTIWAKE: 1, Monomoy, Apr. 3 (Richardson et al).
- RAZOR-BILLED AUK: 1 found dead on s. shore of Vineyard, Mar. 27 (Eliot).
- BLACK GUILLEMOT: 1 in winter plumage, Scituate, Mar. 20 (W. Long, Jr.).
- MOURNING DOVE: Lincoln, Mar. 16 (Blakes); 1st. reported from Northampton, Mar. 18 (Taylor); 1, Lowell, Mar. 21 (D. Alexander); 5, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 26 (Saunders); numerous at Manchester, Conn., Apr. 3 (Hunt); W. Boylston, Apr. 7 (Benchley); Manchester, N. H., Apr. 9 (Goellner); Burlington, Vt., Apr. 13 (Reynolds).
- BARN OWL: found at last year's breeding spot on M. Vineyard, Mar. 27 (Eliots).
- GREAT HORNED OWL: several nests found in period at Ipswich, Boxford, Concord, Wellfleet, and New Britain, Conn.
- SNOWY OWL: Monomoy and M. Vineyard, Mar. 19 (Smith and Worden); on a building in Holyoke, Mar. 20 (Bagg); Plum I., Apr. 10 (Taber), very late.

- LONG-EARED OWL: 2 heard at Topsfield, Apr. 14 (Griscom et al); heard at Belmont the same day (Robbins).
- SHORT-EARED OWL: Squibnocket, Apr. 6 - 9 (Hornblower); 1 in Concord, Apr. 13, mobbed by a flock of Crows and 2 Red-shouldered Hawks; in the chase a Great Horned Owl was also routed out (V. Armstrong).
- KINGFISHER: on Mar. 20 arrived at Ipswich (Emilio) and Agawam (Eliot); 1st. at Concord, N. H., Mar. 29 (Mr. White's earliest date for the species); Rutland, Vt., Apr. 12 (Ross); Wells River, Apr. 14 (Smith).
- FLICKER: 2, Manchester, N. H., Mar. 23 (Goellner); Ossipee, N. H., Mar. 25 (Pratt), very early; Concord, N. H., Apr. 1 (White); Burlington, Vt., Apr. 6 (Reynolds); Rutland, Vt., Apr. (Ross).
- PILEATED WOODPECKER: only 2 reports from Conn. valley in period; seen at Berlin, Apr. 2 (Abbott).
- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1, Grove Beach, Conn., Mar. 28 and Apr. 2 (Hunt); 2, Knollwood, Conn., Apr. 15 (Preston); a bird at Athol was seen Mar. 20 and 25, Apr. 4 and 8 (Allison).
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: Hartford, Conn., Mar. 25 (Holcomb); Public Garden, Boston, Apr. 2 (Sands); 7 on nesting grounds in Chester, Apr. 4 (Woods); Northampton and Williamsburg, Apr. 12 (Eliot and Graves); 2, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 11 (Saunders); Burlington, Vt., Apr. 12 (Reynolds).
- PHOEBE: arrived early; on Mar. 20 at Fairfield, Conn., Norfolk, Sudbury, Winchester, and Winchester, N. H.; none Mar. 20 in Conn. valley, many Mar. 21 (Eliot); Ipswich, Mar. 21; Wells River, Vt., Mar. 23, Ossipee, N. H., Mar. 25; uncommon on outer Cape 1, Monomoy, Apr. 3 (Richardson et al).
- N. HORNED LARK: heavy spring flight, Essex Co., Mar. 20 (Griscom).
- PRAIRIE HORNED LARK: Sterling, Mar. 19 (C. Allen); at last year's breeding grounds in Conn. valley, Mar. 20 (Bagg); Burlington, Vt., Mar. 21 (Reynolds).
- TREE SWALLOW: Plum I., Mar. 19 (Safford); 50, Wayland, Mar. 20 (Elkins); many Northampton, Mar. 20 (Combs); Winchester, N. H., Mar. 22 (Nelson).
- ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 2, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 3 (Mr. Saunders' earliest record in 30 years' observation).
- BARN SWALLOW: 1, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 3 (Mr. Saunders' earliest record); 1st. at Concord, Apr. 13 (Armstrong); at least 6 in Southwick, Apr. 13 (Eliot); visited barn in S. Sudbury, Apr. 14 (L. Smith).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 4, Williamsburg, Apr. 15 (Graves).
- PURPLE MARTIN: 3 males, Swansea, Apr. 14 (Cook; several at Clinton, Conn., Apr. 15 (Meigs).
- FISH CROW: 4, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 26 (Saunders); 1, Saybrook, Conn., Mar. 27 (Bulkeley); 4, Middletown, R. I., Apr. 13 (Drury).
- HOUSE WREN: 1 record-breaking early arrival singing in Brookline, Apr. 15 (A. Henderson).
- WINTER WREN: rare spring migrant in east. Mass.; several reports; 1, Belmont, Apr. 2 (Batchelder), 3 and 5 (Elkins); 1 visited the bushes around the N. E. Museum of Natural History, Apr. 6; Boxford, Apr. 6 (Perkins); Plum I., Apr. 12 and 14 (Safford); 3, Northampton, Apr. 8 (Wakeman); 2, W. Hartford, Mar. 23 (Bulkeley); Chocorua, N. H., Apr. 2 (Lincoln); Wells River, Vt., Apr. 14 (Smith).
- CAROLINA WREN: 5 singing at Middletown, R. I., Apr. 11 (Drury).
- MOCKINGBIRD: still present at Edgartown, (Worden).
- BROWN THRASHER: singing vociferously at W. Roxbury, Apr. 15, previous earliest dates of Mr. F. H. Allen, Apr. 19 in 1896 and 1908; 2, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 15 (Saunders).
- ROBIN: 1st. at Burlington, Vt., Mar. 15; arrived on Mar. 17, outer Cape, Concord and Manchester, N. H., Wells River, Vt., 1st. nos. in Conn. valley, Mar. 20; tremendous migration in east. Mass. Mar. 20 - 21.

- HERMIT THRUSH: Saybrook, Conn., Mar. 27 (Bulkeley); Public Garden, Boston, Apr. 1 (Sands); some noted in Conn. valley, Apr. 10 general arrival Apr. 12 (Eliot); 2, Ipswich, Apr. 12 (Griscom), in nos. Essex Co., Apr. 14 (Lawson); a few Belmont, Apr. 12, common Apr. 13 (Robbins).
- BLUEBIRD: Burlington, Vt., Mar. 19 (Reynolds); migrants on outer Cape from Mar. 20 (Bishop); tremendous migration in Essex Co., Mar. 20.
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: many in Williamsburg, Mar. 18 -19 (Graves); 1st. Northampton, Mar. 26, 50, Apr. 8 (Wakeman); marked flight in east. Mass. Apr. 13 and 14.
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: early arrivals; 1, Agawam, Mar. 23 (Stebbins), Leverett, Mar. 24 (Wood), no more in valley till Ap. 12; 1, Public Garden, Boston, Mar. 29 (Sands); Hartford, Conn., Apr. 1 (Bulkeley); Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 4 (Mr. Saunders' earliest record); 3, Medford, Apr. 2 (Gay); 1st., Manchester, N. H., Apr. 12, 12, Apr. 14 (Goellner); Burlington, Vt., Apr. 13 (Reynolds).
- AM. PIPIT: 75, Hadley, Mar. 27 (Mrs. Cutler).
- CEDAR WAXWING: flocks noted in period at Kensington, Conn., Brookline, Easthampton, Northampton, and Holyoke.
- N. SHRIKE: Amherst, Mar. 16 (Nutting); Northfield, Mar. 20 (J. Bagg); Boxford, Mar. 20 (Tousey); imm., Brewster, Mar. 23 (Bishop); Ipswich, Mar. 26 (Lord); Princeton, Mar. 26 (Dean); Bristol, N.H., Mar. 28 (Roberts).
- MIGRANT SHRIKE: Monomoy, Mar. 19 (J. D. Smith); Tiverton, R. I., Mar. 27 (W. Dean).
- BLUE-HEADED VIREO: 1 singing at Northampton, Apr. 14-15 (de Ronde and Madeira), never before recorded in valley earlier than Apr. 19.
- MYRTLE WARBLER: Cambridge, Apr. 14 (Richardson); arrived in Conn. valley, Apr. 14 (Eliot); Leominster, Apr. 15 (Allen).
- PINE WARBLER: 1 singing at Northampton, Mar. 23 (Wakeman), Hatfield, Mar. 25 (Bagg), previous earliest valley record, Mar. 27, general arrival Apr. 12 (Eliot); Brewster, Mar. 23, S. Chatham and Harwich, Mar. 27, general arrival outer Cape Apr. 10-12 (Bishop); 1, S. Sudbury, Mar. 25, feeding for a week on window shelf (L. Smith); Weston, Mar. 26 (Bergstrom); 2, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 3 (Saunders); Wells River, Vt., Apr. 12 (Smith).
- YELLOW PALM WARBLER: 1 near Falmouth, Mar. 29 (Abbott); 1 in Northampton, Apr. 1 and 8 (Wakeman), general arrival Apr. 12; Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 3 (Mr. Saunders' earliest); arrived Apr. 12 at Cambridge (Elkins), Essex Co. (Griscom) + Manchester, N. H. (Goellner); Wells River, Vt., Apr. 14 (Smith).
- LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: arrived on Apr. 12 at Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders) + Sunderland (Benchley); Kensington, Conn., Apr. 15 (MacDavid).
- DICKSCISSEL: last seen at Plymouth Apr. 16 (Mrs. Woods).
- MEADOWLARK: 1 at Huntington, Mar. 14 (Cross); general arrivaleast. Mass. + Conn. valley, Mar. 19-21; several at Rutland, Vt., Mar. 23 (Ross); Burlington, Vt., Mar. 29 (Reynolds); Concord, N.H., Apr. 1 (White).
- RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: 1st. Concord, N. H., Mar. 19 (White); big migration east. Mass., Mar. 20-21; females at M. Vineyard, Mar. 27 (Eliot), Wayland, Mar. 29 (Richardson); Wells River, Vt., Mar. 23 (Smith); flocks at Rutland, Vt., Apr. 3 (Ross).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: Warren, R. I., Mar. 27 (Bowen), probable wintering straggler.
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: arrived on Mar. 20 at Essex Co., (Griscom), Hartford, Conn. (MacDavid), Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders); on Mar. 21 at Sudbury, good flock (Griscom), large flocks in Essex Co. arrived at Wells River + Rutland, Vt.

- BRONZED GRACKLE: 5, Manchester, N. H., Mar. 20 (Goellner); Concord, N. H., Mar. 21 (White), outer Cape, Mar. 20 (Bishop); big migration east. Mass. Mar. 20-21; 1st. at Rutland, Vt., Mar. 25 (Ross).
- CARDINAL: 1 male banded at Milton, Apr. 8 (Edward P. Hamilton), a casual visitor to the state.
- COWBIRD: general arrival Conn. valley, Mar. 19-20 (Eliot); 8, Essex Co., Mar. 20, 1, Sudbury, Mar. 21 (Griscom); 1st. arrivals on outer Cape, Mar. 23, not common till end of period (Bishop); flocking at Waltham, Mar. 24 (Bergstrom); 1st. at Concord, N. H., Apr. 1 (White).
- PINE GROSBEAK: 2, Huntington, Mar. 17 (Cross).
- REDPOLL: flock at Sterling, Mar. 20 (Allen); 50, Northampton, Mar. 23 (Wakeman); 30, S. Chatham, Mar. 20 (Bishop); common Chocorua, N. H., Apr. 1-10 (Lincoln); on Apr. 10 at Burlington + Wells River, Vt.
- PINE SISKIN: 2, Bedford, Mar. 18 (Clemenson); not seen at Wells River, Vt. since Apr. 3 (Smith); 1, Northampton, Apr. 15 (Eliot).
- EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH: Cambridge, Mar. 25 (L. Vogel); an occasional stray turns up, a remnant of those originally introduced into this country.
- RED CROSSBILL: still present at Weston; 1 female fed at feeding shelf of Miss Olive Dingle in Topsfield on Mar. 27; a small flock seen in Lynn on Apr. 3 (L. Batchelder), still present.
- RED-EYED TOWHEE: very early arrivals; Springfield, Mar. 29 (Clark); 2, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 2 (Mr. Saunders' earliest record); Belmont, Apr. 13 (C. Robbins), earliest date for locality; 1 male seen and heard at West Roxbury, Apr. 14 (Allen + Stone), Mr. Allen's earliest by 9 days in 57 years' observation; Marblehead, Apr. 14 (Low).
- IPSWICH SPARROW: at least 2 on M. Vineyard, Mar. 27 (Eliots); Sagamore, Mar. 29 (Abbott).
- SAVANNAH SPARROW: Essex Co., Mar. 20, (Griscom), early; 1, Monomoy, Mar. 21 (Bishop); scarce at Wells River, Vt. from Mar. 27 - Apr. 15 when common (Smith); arrived Conn. valley Mar. 27 (Eliot); S. Windsor, Conn., Mar. 29 (Holcomb); Sudbury, Apr. 2 (L. Smith); Manchester, N. H., Apr. 12 (Goellner); Burlington, Vt., Apr. 13 (Reynolds).
- VESPER SPARROW: E. Berlin, Conn., Mar. 20 (Langdon); 5, Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 2 (Saunders); 2, N. Beverly, Mar. 20 (Mr. + Mrs. Archie McLean); several at Rowley, Mar. 27 (Batchelder); arrived outer Cape, Mar. 21 (Bishop), Conn. valley, Mar. 27 (Eliot); S. Sudbury, Apr. 2 (Smith); Manchester, N. H., Apr. 12 (Goellner); Rutland, Vt., Apr. 13 (Ross).
- JUNCO: particularly large flocks east. Mass. + Conn. valley, Mar. 20; arrived Wells River, Vt., Mar. 20 (Smith).
- TREE SPARROW: scarce throughout period on outer Cape.
- CHIPPING SPARROW: 1 very early bird seen and heard at Wayland, Mar. 29 (Richardson); M. Vineyard, Mar. 20 (Worden); on Apr. 12, at Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders) + Manchester, N. H. (Goellner); on Apr. 13 at W. Roxbury (Allen) + Belmont (Robbins); general arrival east. Mass. Apr. 15; 1, Williamsburg + Pittsfield, Apr. 12 (Graves + Clarke); general arrival in valley, Apr. 14; Wells River, Vt., Apr. 15 (Smith).
- FIELD SPARROW: 4, some singing, Northampton, Mar. 16 (Eliot); general arrival in Conn. valley Mar. 27 - 29; 6, Fairfield, Conn., Mar. 20 (Saunders); Hartford, Conn., Mar. 26 (MacDavid); Belmont, Mar. 27 and singing, Apr. 1 (Robbins); outer Cape, Apr. 9 (Bishop); 6, Manchester, N. H., Apr. 12 (Goellner).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: Public Garden, Boston, Apr. 15 (Daggert and Sands).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: wintering individuals last seen at Athol, Mar. 20 (Allison) and Northampton Mar. 23 (Wakeman); arrivals in Conn. valley, Apr. 14 (Eliot).

FOX SPARROW: 1st. at W. Hartford, Conn., Mar. 18 ((Hunt); Nashua, N. H., Mar. 20 (Crowell); Rutland, Vt., Mar. 21 (Ross); good migration east. Mass. Mar. 20-22; fairly common Conn. valley Mar. 18 - Apr. 13, especially during storm Apr. 8-10 (Eliot); Wells River, Vt., Mar. 24 (Smith).

SWAMP SPARROW: Lowell, Mar. 21 (Alexander), early; singing at Wayland, Apr. 2 (Allen and Tyler); 1, Deerfield, Apr. 2 (R. Alexander); general arrival Conn. valley Apr. 11-12; in nos. Essex Co. Apr. 3 (Lawson); Hartford, Conn., Apr. 3 (MacDavid).

SONG SPARROW: on Mar. 20 arrived on outer Cape, in Concord, N. H. + Burlington + Wells River, Vt.; big migration east. Mass. Mar. 20-22.

SNOW BUNTING: 400, Wells River, Vt., Mar. 16 (Smith); 6, Sterling, Mar. 17 (Allen); flocks at Monomoy, Mar. 21 in summer plumage (Bishop); 25, Chester, Mar. 27 (Cross), same last date as last year.

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This period has offered great excitement and variety to the ornithologist. The first two weeks were exceptionally warm, especially April 20 and April 28, the latter the warmest April day on record in Boston (89.4°). Vegetation was accelerated, birds arrived from the south way ahead of schedule and in unusual numbers. A great wave came throughout New England April 28-30, bringing not only other early stragglers, but a general arrival of many summer residents a week or more ahead of normal. There was another great wave on May 7 when the variety of warblers seen were such as one expects from May 12-15 in a normal year.

Perhaps due to the warm season, there has been an exceptional number of accidental southern visitors, such as the Cerulean, Brewster's, and Prothonotary Warblers and the Orchard Oriole.

Beginning May 8 the weather was cool with almost constant northwest winds precluding any further waves. The birds, therefore, trickled through. One had to be on the spot, however, not to miss anything.

A southeasterly hurricane the night of May 14, breaking what would undoubtedly have been a great wave, drove migrating pelagic birds coast-wise and brought southerly visitors of note, such as the Oyster-catcher and Snowy Egret to Rhode Island.

The Shore-bird migration to date has been poor and belated.

The remarkable season has produced an unusual number of reports of interest. The limited space has required the most extreme compression, but all contributors are warmly thanked for their cooperation.

An asterisk * beside a report indicates an earliest local record.

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RED-THROATED LOON: exceptionally large flight off Mass. during period.

HOLBOELL'S GREBE: a few birds in breeding plumage, Ap. 24 - May 2.

BROWN PELICAN: the record from Maine in the last bulletin is hereby cancelled; the bird proves to have been brought up from the south and then escaped.

GANNET: off Monomoy throughout period; a few at more inside points such as the Rhode Island coast and Plum Island.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: no marked flight.

GREAT BLUE HERON: remarkably small numbers throughout.

AMERICAN EGRET: 1, N. Hampton, N. H., Ap. 16, 2, Ap. 17 (Henry Shaw); 1, Cchasset, Ap. 19 (Mrs. Henry Bigelow).

SNOWY EGRET; 1, Bonnet Shores, R. I., May 14 (William B. Dean).

LITTLE BLUE HERON: 1 adult, W. Peabody, Ap. 24 (Griscom et al).

GREEN HERON: arrival Conn. Ap. 24, Mass. Ap. 27 and 28; New Hampshire, Concord, May 5.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 2 adults, Plum I., May 13 (Safford).

LEAST BITTERN: 1st. seen at Longmeadow, May 5 (Sherwood).

CANADA GOOSE: 3, Hartford, Conn., May 7 (Hunt); 15 flying over Belmont, May 7 (Robbins); 6 still at Plum I., May 15 (Safford).

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- AM. OYSTER-CATCHER: 1, Pt. Judith, R. I., May 14 (Kraus and Dean), brought up by southerly storm.
- SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER: 1, Fairfield, Conn., May 8 (Saunders); flock at Nahant, May 8 (Touseys); 2, N. Amherst, May 15 (Bagg et al).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 4, Chatham, Ap. 17 (Taber et al); 10, Plum I., May 7 (Aylward); 10, Fairfield, Conn., May 8 (Saunders).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE: 2, Fairfield, Conn., May 8* (Saunders); 5, Bonnet Shores, R. I., May 14 (Dean); 20, Little Compton, May 15 (Bowen).
- WILSON'S SNIBE: fairly common locally in Conn. valley Ap. 24 - May 6.
- HUDSONIAN CURLEW: 6, S. Chatham, Ap. 13 (Bishop), very early.
- UPLAND PLOVER: 4 transients, Newburyport, Ap. 16 (Stewart), summer residents, Ap. 27 (Alexander); reached Hadley Ap. 16*, also seen, probably breeding, Agawam race track, May 1 and 6 (Eliot); 3, Rocky Hill, Conn., Ap. 24 (Holcomb); Concord, N. H., Ap. 24 (F. B. White).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: early stragglers at Wells River, Vt., Ap. 20 (Smith) Northampton, Ap. 21 (Eliot); Princeton, Ap. 24 (Gregory); general arrival Ap. 27 and 28.
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: on Ap. 28 arrived at New Britain, Conn. (Schmidt), Concord (Armstrong), and several places in Conn. valley (Eliot).
- GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: 1, N. Amherst, Ap. 19 (Eliot), no more till Ap. 28 Williamsburg, (Graves); peak of flight Essex Co., Ap. 24 (Safford); 2, Damariscotta, Me., Ap. 30 (Brewer).
- LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: rare spring migrant, 2, Newburyport, May 1, 1, May 7 (Griscom); Middletown, R. I., May 2 (Drury); New Britain, Conn., May 8 (Carlson).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 10, Plum I. breakwater, May 1 (Griscom et al); 40, Middletown, R. I., May 2 (Drury).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 2, N. Amherst, 1, Hadley, May 8 (Smith and Cutler).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: 1, S. Windsor, Conn., May 5 (Hunt); 1, Plum I., May 8 (Emilio); May 15, 4, Easthampton (Riedel), 1, Hadley (Bagg).
- RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 1, Newburyport, May 7 (Griscom et al).
- DOWITCHER: 2, Plum I., Ap. 19 (R. Batchelder), very early; 1, Quonno-chontaug Beach, R. I., May 14 (Dean).
- SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER: 3, Fairfield, Conn., May 14 (Saunders).
- PED PHALAROPE: Monomoy, Ap. 19, the 1st. time a mass flight of this species has ever been seen passing up the coast, 1000 plus birds (Griscom et al); May 15 after storm, 7 off Nauset (Bishop), 1 off Lynn (Emilio and Lawson).
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE: 100 plus, Little Compton, R. I., May 14 (Emerson); small flocks at Lynn, Cape Ann, Newburyport harbor, May 15 (Emilio, Lawson, Curtis and Foster).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1, Falmouth, May 15 (Minots).
- LAUGHING GULL: 6, Nahant, Ap. 24 (Griscom); 1, Northampton, May 7, the 3rd record for the Conn. valley, 1st. in spring (Benchley et al).
- COMMON TERN: M. Vineyard, May 4 (Worden); 2, Plum I., May 7* (Griscom); 25, Middletown, R. I., May 8 (Drury), usual day of arrival; common along Conn. shore, May 9 (Hunt).
- ARCTIC TERN: 1, Middletown, R. I., May 8 (Drury).
- ROSEATE TERN: 30, Fairfield, Conn., May 11 (Saunders).
- LEAST TERN: 6, Edgartown, May 9 (Worden); 6, Bonnet Shores, R. I., May 14 (Dean).
- CASPIAN TERN: 1 off Plum I., Ap. 19 (G. M. Snow), very rare in spring.
- BLACK TERN: 1, W. Hartford, Ap. 30, (Hunt et al); 1, Newburyport harbor May 15 (Curtis and Foster), very rare spring migrant.
- BRUNNICH'S MURRE: 1, breeding plumage, Essex Co., May 7 (Griscom et al).

DOVEKIE: 1, Monomoy, Ap. 19, breeding plumage (Griscom); on May 15 during the storm one crashed into a car driving on the highway east from Holyoke (Bagg), 1st. valley record in spring.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 1, N. Britain, Conn., May 3 (Schmidt); 1, Belmont May 5 (Griscom), early; Northampton, May 10 (Bagg).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: May 3 at New Britain, Conn. (Schmidt) and Longmeadow (Remington); May 8 at Wayland (Brewer) and Lewiston, Maine (Wright).

BARN OWL: nesting pair at W. Hartford.

SNOWY OWL: Middletown, R. I., Apr. 23 (Drury); Plum I., May 1 (Griscom et al), latest record.

SHORT-EARED OWL: Middletown, R. I., May 2 (Drury).

SAW-WHET OWL: Concord, Ap. 20 (Griscom).

WHIP-POOR-WILL: very early arrivals; Amherst, Ap. 20 (Mrs. Cutler) * ; Marshfield, Ap. 23 (Hagar); Barkhamsted, Conn., Ap. 30 (Schmidt); Ap. 28 at Manchester, N. H. (Goellner) and Ossipee (Pratt); general arrival Essex Co., May 1; Wells River, Vt., May 5 (Smith).

NIGHTHAWK: Northampton, May 6 (Eliot); M. Vineyard, May 9 (Wakeman); Burlington, Vt., May 10 (Reynolds); Belmont, May 12 (Robbins).

CHIMNEY SWIFT: phenomenally early arrivals throughout; N. Scituate, R.I., Ap. 20 (Dean); in nos. at Northampton, Ap. 20 (Eliot); Concord, N. H. Ap. 22 * ; on Ap. 24 at Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders), Carlisle (Greenough) and Newburyport * (Griscom); Ossipee, N. H., Ap. 27 (Pratt); Ap. 28 at Wells River, Vt. (Smith) and Lewiston, Me. (Wright).

HUMMINGBIRD: Middletown, R. I., May 1 (Drury); on May 5 at Brewster (Bishop) and Amherst (Cutler); 2 males arrived at Mr. L. J. Webster's place in Holderness, N. H., May 7, 2 females on the 9th, earliest record heretofore was May 9 (1904-11, 1932-38); Wells River, Vt., May 7 (Smith); 2, Lewiston, Me., May 11 (Wright).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: Springfield, May 4 (Remington et al); Pittsfield, May 8 (Foote); continuous and regular in Athol but apparently unmated (Allison); Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, May 11 (J. Abbott).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: 4, Cambridge, Ap. 20 (Richardson); W. Hartford May 4 (Hunt); Weston, May 6 (Brewer); Northampton, May 14 (Eliot).

KINGBIRD: numerous early stragglers; Suffield, Conn., Ap. 13 (Remington); Lynn, Ap. 27 * (Snow); Hartford, Ap. 28 (MacDavid); several Conn. valley Ap. 29; Lewiston, Me., May 4 (Wright); well below normal nos. at end of period.

CRESTED FLYCATCHER: Fall River, May 1 (Cook); other 1st. arrivals east. Mass. May 5-7; Conn. valley May 5; Vermont May 6-7.

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: May 14 at Springfield (Griscom) and Northampton (Eliot).

LEAST FLYCATCHER: the 1st. birds Conn. valley Ap. 23, 24, 27; east. Mass. Ap. 28 and 29; N. H., 3 localities, Ap. 28; Vermont May 2.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: Fall River, May 14, seen and heard singing (A. B. Cook).

WOOD PEWEE: Fairfield, Conn., May 13 (Saunders); Amherst, May 8 (Gregory); Burlington, Vt., May 7 (Reynolds).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: at regular breeding place, Athol, May 8 (Allison); Hanover, N. H., May 8 (Robbins).

BANK SWALLOW: 2, Sudbury, Ap. 17 * (Griscom); small colony about a bank above beach at Little Compton, R. I., Ap. 19 (Allen); Hadley, Ap. 20 (Eliot); Wells River, Vt., Ap. 29 (Smith).

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: at breeding place, Florence, Ap. 17 (Clark); N. Britain, Conn., Ap. 24 (Schmidt); in east. Mass. breeding prs. back at W. Peabody, Ap. 24 * (Griscom) and S. Harwich, May 2 (Bishop); pr. about a gravel pit in Westwood, May 11 (F. H. Allen).

- BARN SWALLOW: general arrival in numbers relatively late.
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 returned to breeding place Sudbury valley, Ap. 17 * (Griscom); many arrived at Williamsburg, Ap. 20 (Graves); Wells River, Vt., Ap. 28 (Smith).
- PURPLE MARTIN: breeding birds back at South Carver, Ap. 16 (Pettengill) Kingston, Ap. 18, Enfield, Ap. 24, Burlington, Vt., Ap. 22; migrants in Essex Co., 5 birds, May 1 and 15 (Griscom and Safford).
- NORTHERN RAVEN: 1, Blue Hill, Me., Ap. 30 (Brewer).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: marked return spring flight east. Mass., mid-Ap. on; last birds noted as follows; Conn., W. Hartford, May 7 (Moody); Belmont, May 11 (Robbins); Mt. Holyoke, May 15 (Bagg).
- BROWN CREEPER: last "regulars" in Conn. valley, Ap. 17, 1, Northampton, Ap. 29 (Wakeman); N. Hadley, May 4, possibly nesting (Wood); Williamsburg, May 10 (Graves); Cambridge, May 3 (Griscom).
- HOUSE WREN: phenomenally early arrival throughout; R. I., Providence, Ap. 17; Conn., various localities, Ap. 20; Mass., Conn. valley Ap. 15 and 16; Mt. Wachusett, Ap. 16; near Boston Ap. 21-24; N. H., Manchester, Ap. 21; Vermont, Burlington, Ap. 22.
- WINTER WREN: Northampton, Ap. 16 (Wakeman); singing at Williamsburg, Ap. 24 (Eliot); 1, Amherst, May 10; late (Clark); last at Belmont, Ap. 18 (Robbins); 1st. at Burlington, Vt., Ap. 18 (Reynolds).
- LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: 3, Lynnfield, May 1 (Griscom et al); Longmeadow May 1 * (Remington); many Middletown, R. I., May 8 (Drury).
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: 1, Lynnfield, May 1 (Griscom et al); Northampton, May 5 * (Eliot).
- MOCKINGBIRD: 1, Trumbull, Conn. since Ap. 17, now reported to have a mate (Saunders), imitates Cardinal, Phoebe, Killdeer, Robin, Etc.
- CATBIRD: 1st. N. Scituate, R. I., Ap. 26 (Dean); Ap. 27, 2 at Holyoke (Doane), 1, Williamsburg (Graves); general arrival in Conn. and Mass. Ap. 28 and 29, forerunners in N. H. and Vermont, Ap. 30.
- BROWN THRASHER: 1 at Marblehead, Ap. 15 (Louis); several localities in R. I. and east. Mass. Ap. 17; Conn. valley, Ap. 19; abundant east. Mass. Ap. 28, when it arrived at Manchester, N. H.
- WOOD THRUSH: very early arrival; Fairfield, Conn., Ap. 28 * (Saunders); New Britain, Conn., Ap. 28 (Schmidt); Waban, Ap. 28 * (C. Stewart); Essex Co., Lynn, May * (Taber), common by May 5; Conn. valley, Amherst, Ap. 27 (Lowell), common by Ap. 28; Wells River, Vt., May 10 (Smith).
- HERMIT THRUSH: peak of flight early in east. Mass.; in Conn. valley, Ap. 28 - 29.
- OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: numerous early strugglers; Cambridge, Ap. 29 * (Griscom); Amherst, May 1 (Dickinson); Belmont, May 2 * (Robbins); Manchester, N. H., May 2 (Goellner); quite numerous at Hartford, Conn. after May 8; near Boston from May 9 on.
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: Northampton, May 9 (Eliot); Cambridge, May 11 (Griscom); 2, Conn. valley, May 14 (Griscom et al).
- BICKNELL'S THRUSH: Cambridge, May 12 (Griscom); Northampton, May 12 (Eliot).
- VEERY: relatively late in becoming common; 1st. in Conn. valley, Sunderland, May 1 (Wood); Wethersfield, Conn., and Springfield, Mass., May 4; near Boston May 5 and 6; N. H. and Vt., May 7; Maine May 10.
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: accidental straggler, female in Longmeadow, May 3 (Wood, Eliot and many others); 1, Manchester, N. H., Ap. 26 (Frank Kozacka, fide Goellner).
- PIPET: 6, Hammonasset, Conn., Ap. 18 (Meigs); 6 on stones of dry bed of Deerfield River, Ap. 30 (Alexander); Wells River, Vt., May 6 (Smith).

- WHITE-EYED VIREO: Fairfield, Conn., Ap. 23 * (Saunders); Longmeadow, May 1 (Eliot); South Co., N. H., May 14 (Dean).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: Fairfield, Conn., Apr. 30 * (Saunders); Lynn, May 1 (Garrison); Burlington, Vt., May 2 (Reynolds); general arrival Conn. valley, May 6, east. Mass. May 7.
- BLUE-HEADED VIREO: very early arrival throughout; reached Concord, N.H. Ap. 15 * (White); Conn. valley, several Ap. 14 (Wood); Essex Co. and Princeton Ap. 17 (Emilio and Gregory); present throughout Conn. and Mass. Ap. 19-22; in northern Vt., Ap. 23 and 24.
- RED-EYED VIREO: Fairfield, Conn., May 6 * (Saunders); Northampton, May 4 (Eliot); Belmont, May 6 (Robbins); Essex Co., May 7 (Griscom); May 10 at Wells River, Vt. (Smith) and Concord, N. H. * (White).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1, Northampton, May 4, singing (Eliot and Wakeman).
- WARBLING VIREO: very early; Fairfield, Conn., May 1 * (Saunders) and W. Hartford (Hunt); Cambridge, Ap. 29 (K. Elkins); May 1 at Belmont * (Robbins) and Agawam (Eliot); Wells River, Vt., May 1 (Smith).
- BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER: phenomenally early arrival; generally distributed nearly a week ahead of the normal earliest birds; Fairfield, Conn., Ap. 19 (Saunders); New Britain, Conn., Ap. 21 (Schmidt); Ap. 21 at Sudbury (Griscom), Sunderland (Nutting) and Princeton (Gregory); arrived in northern New England Ap. 27-29.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: most unusual visitor, 1, Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, May 3 (Norman Hill); 1, North Hadley, May 8 (Ethel M. Smith).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: arrived on May 7 in Fairfield and New Britain, Conn. (Saunders and Schmidt).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: very early arrival; Belmont, Ap. 28 * (Robbins); Lincoln, Ap. 29 (Touseys); W. Peabody, Ap. 30 (Snow); Northampton, May 2 * (Eliot).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: on Ap. 29 arrived at New Britain * (Schmidt) and Fairfield, Conn (Saunders); Longmeadow, May 1 * (Eliot); rare migrant east, Mass., Winchester, Ap. 30 (F. Smith); Public Garden, Boston, May 6 (Tyler); Belmont, May 13 (Robbins).
- BREWSTER'S WARBLER: 1st. records for Essex Co., Lynn, Fay Estate, 1 on May 10 (Burrell), another a few days later, both still present; 1 at Byfield, May 15 (R. Batchelder et al).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER: New Britain, Conn., May 7 (Schmidt); Belmont, May 6 * (Robbins); Amherst, May 5 (Cutler), some noted almost every day since May 6 in Northampton (Eliot); 1st. in Cambridge, May 12, at least 1 noted daily since (Griscom et al).
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 1 singing at Northampton, May 4-5 * (Eliot); 1, Cambridge, May 11 (Curtis); Belmont, May 12 (Robbins); rare in spring.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: Lenox Sanctuary, Ap. 21 (Wallace), very early; Belmont, Ap. 24 * (Robbins); New Britain, Conn., Ap. 26 * (Schmidt); general arrival in Mass. Ap. 28; May 1 at Wells River, Vt., and Lewiston, Me.
- PARULA WARBLER: general arrival throughout Mass. Ap. 28, remarkably early; also at Manchester, N. H., Ap. 28 (Goellner); Burlington, Vt., May 7 (Reynolds); Lewiston, Me., May 9 (Wright).
- YELLOW WARBLER: Fairfield, Conn., Ap. 27 (Saunders); 4, Sudbury, Ap. 28 (Griscom); several Conn. valley Ap. 28 (Eliot); Burlington, Vt., May 5 (Reynolds); abundant Lewiston, Me., May 8 (Wright).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: early stragglers; Somerville, Ap. 28 (K. Tousey); Holyoke, Ap. 28 (Bagg); Cambridge, May 3 (K. Elkins); Belmont, May 4 * (Robbins); 4, Manchester, N. H., May 5 (Goellner); general arrival in Conn., May 8; Conn. valley May 6, east. Mass. May 9, Wells River, May 10.

- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1, Hart's Pd., Conn., May 5 (Schmidt), a no. seen in Hartford; Providence, May 8 (Mason); Fall River, May 9 (Darfee); Amherst, May 1 (Nutting), 6 or 7 around Northampton since (Eliot); unusually numerous at Northfield (Broun); almost daily in Mt. Auburn, Cambridge since May 3* (Griscom et al).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: an early straggler at Williamsburg, Ap. 21 (Graves); at Holyoke, Ap. 28 (Bagg); May 1 at Winchester (Snow) and Princeton (Gregory); Cambridge, May 3* (Griscom); exceptionally common east. Mass. May 7 on; 4, Manchester, N. H., May 5 (Goellner); Newport, Vt., May 7 (Crichton).
- MYRTLE WARBLER: abundant east. Mass. since Ap. 20; 1st. Wells River, Vt. Ap. 17 (Smith).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: remarkably early arrival; 1st. birds in east. Mass. Boxford, Ap. 16 (Perkins); Belmont, Ap. 21 (Robbins); generally distributed throughout Mass. Ap. 24-27; 2, Manchester, N. H. Ap. 26 (Goellner); Wells River, Vt. Ap. 28 (Smith); Blue Hill, Me., Ap. 30 (Brewer).
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 1 female, Lynn, May 8 (Lois Batchelder), again May 10 (Burrell, Emilio, Lawson) and May 11 (Emilio).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: remarkably early arrival; Lynn, Ap. 28 (F. Smith); Northampton and Holyoke, May 1, (Eliot and Bagg); Wells River, Vt., Ap. 30 (Smith); May 5, 4, Manchester, 1, Hanover, N. H. (Goellner and Reynolds) unusually common in Conn., R. I., and east. Mass. from May 7 on.
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: on Ap. 28 arrived at Fairfield, Conn. * (Saunders), Cambridge * (Touseys), Northampton (Eliot); May 1, 5 in Essex Co. * (Griscom) and Burlington, Vt. (Reynolds).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: on May 7 at New Britain, Conn. (Schmidt), Rumford and E. Providence, R. I. (Wood); May 8 at Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders); 3, Northampton, May 6 (Eliot), 8 or 9 since; 1st. Essex Co., May 7 * (Emilio), sev. since; May 14 at W. Roxbury (Allen), Lincoln (Blakes), Manchester, N. H. (Goellner).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 2, Hartford, Conn., Ap. 16 (MacDavid); 1, Williamsburg, Ap. 30 (Graves); Northfield, May 6 (Broun); Essex Co., May 7 (Griscom et al); Belmont, May 9 (Robbins).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: very early arrivals on Ap. 28 at Cambridge * (Touseys) and Lynn * (F. Smith); Belmont, Ap. 29 * (Robbins); Northampton, May 2.
- WESTERN PALM WARBLER: most unusual in spring, 1, Cambridge, May 6 and 15 (Griscom et al); 1, Holyoke, Ap. 28 (Conkey).
- OVEN-BIRD: early arrivals on Ap. 27, Springfield (Remington); Ap. 28 at Fairfield, Conn. * (Saunders) and Lincoln * (Griscom); May 1 at Essex Co. (Griscom), Princeton (Gregory) and Manchester, N. H. (Goellner); Burlington, Vt., May 7 (Reynolds); Ossipee, N. H., May 6 (Pratt).
- NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: Northampton, Ap. 20, breeding male in territory (de Ronde); Princeton, Ap. 27 (Gregory); Cambridge, Ap. 29 (N.C. Nash); Concord, N. H., Ap. 30 (White); Wells River, Vt., May 6 (Smith).
- LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: 1, Providence, Ap. 17 (Wood and Mason); 2, Hart's Pd., Conn., May 7 (Schmidt); a no. reported from Conn.
- CONNECTICUT WARELER: 1, Fay Estate, Lynn, May 10 (Emilio and Lawson), exceedingly rare in spring.
- NORTHERN YELLOW-THROAT: early arrivals at Kingston, R. I., Ap. 22 (Dean) Fairfield, Conn., Ap. 28 * (Saunders); Ap. 30 at Plum I. * (Safford) and Deerfield (Alexander); May 1 at Carlisle (Greenough) and Belmont (Robbins); Wells River, Vt., May 6 (Smith).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: on May 7 arrived at Fairfield, Conn., (Saunders) and Springfield (Remington); Wethersfield, Conn., May 8, at least 3 May 15 (Hunt); So. County, R. I., May 14 (Dean).

- HOODED WARBLER: Fairfield, Conn., May 1 * (Saunders); 1 male singing at Northampton, May 12 (Mrs Wakeman).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: Northampton, May 7 (Benchley), fewer than usual in Conn. valley; Belmont, May 12 (Robbins); Manchester, N. H., May 6 (Goellner); Wells River, Vt., May 11 (Smith).
- CANADA WARBLER: 6-8, New Britain, Conn., May 7 (Bird Club); Princeton, May 1 * (Gregory); May 6 at Wollaston (Colburn) and Longmeadow (Remington); Burlington, Vt., May 9 (Reynolds).
- REDSTART: compared with other species, late in arriving in numbers; Fairfield, Conn., Ap. 30 * (Saunders); Springfield, Ap. 27 (Remington); Belmont, Ap. 30 * (Robbins); May 8 at Manchester, N. H., (Goellner) and Wells River, Vt. (Smith).
- BOBOLINK: also early; 3, Kensington, Conn., Ap. 30 (Schmidt); Fairfield, Conn., May 1 * (Saunders); Northampton, Ap. 28 (Eliot); Weston, Ap. 30 (Blake); Wells River, Vt., May 6 (Smith).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: exceedingly rare in east. Mass., 1 1st. year male in Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, May 12 and 13 (Griscom); Fairfield, Conn., Ap. 30 * (Saunders); heard in W. Tisbury, May 10 (Wakeman); returned to Chicopee, May 11 (Remington).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: arrived early in numbers; Fairfield, Conn., Ap. 30 (Saunders); Wollaston Ap. 28 (Colburn); Ap. 29 at Belmont * (Robbins), Northampton and Hadley (Eliot); Concord, N. H., May 7 * (White); Burlington, Vt., May 4 (Reynolds).
- SCARLET Tanager: early arrivals at Fairfield, Conn., Ap. 30 * (Saunders) Cohasset, Ap. 29 (fide Stackpole); Worcester, May 1 (Howe); Springfield, May 2 (Remington); Belmont, May 2 (Cottrell); Wells River, Vt., May 6 (Smith).
- CARLINAL: N. Tisbury, May 8 (Wakeman).
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: common at an early date; Fairfield, Conn., May 2 (Saunders); 2, Cambridge, Ap. 29 * (Griscom); Amherst, Ap. 29 (Cutler), scarce in Conn. valley till May 4; 5, Manchester, N. H., May 7 (Goellner); Wells River, Vt., May 10 (Smith).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 male, remarkably early straggler, Monomoy, Ap. 23 (Clement et al); 1 Edgartown, May 2, rare there (Worden); Cambridge, Ap. 30 (Abbott); 2, Northampton, May 6 (Madeira); Nahant, May 8 (Touseys).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: M. Vineyard, May 2 (Worden); Northampton, Ap. 27 (Eliot).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 1 record-breaking early arrival at Concord, Ap. 28 (Griscom); Longmeadow, May 1 (Eliot).
- SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: Fairfield, Conn., May 8 (Saunders); on breeding grounds, Chatham, May 13 (Bishop).
- SEASIDE SPARROW: Fairfield, Conn., May 8 (Saunders).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 1, Belmont, Ap. 27 * (Robbins); Northampton, Ap. 28 (Mrs. Conkey); 1st. migrants at Plum I., Ap. 29 (Safford); 1st. at Burlington, Vt., May 5, several flocks still present at end of period (Reynolds); on May 7 arrived at Ossipee, N. H., Lewiston, Me. and Newport, Vt.
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: Falmouth, May 3 (1st. time Mr. Bishop has ever seen this bird in spring on outer Cape); 1st. migrants in Essex Co. Ap. 24 (Griscom); abundant at Manchester, N. H. after Ap. 21 (Goellner) abundant at Lewiston, Me., Ap. 28 - May 15 (Wright); 1st. at Wells River, Vt., Ap. 18 (Smith).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: several Northampton, May 6 (Eliot); 1, Brookline, May 8 and 9 (Henderson); Wells River, Vt., May 14 (Smith).

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During the latter half of May land bird migrants passed through with no marked waves; the migration as a whole was over ahead of schedule. The only migrant in Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, on May 23 was one Redstart, a record minimum quantity of bird-life at such an early date. Most of the transients in the Connecticut valley disappeared remarkably early, many were not seen there after the "big day" on May 22 when 125 forms were listed.

The Shore-bird migration was normal on the outer Cape, poor in Essex County, extremely poor in the Connecticut valley. The water-levels were high in the valley and the Semi-palmated Sandpiper was not reported at all.

As in the preceding period, several birds of more southerly distribution have been seen, notably the Orchard Oriole and Hooded Warbler. A Purple Gallinule was found dead in Marshfield.

Nesting has been earlier in many cases; for instance, young Virginia Rails were feeding in Belmont on June 9 and young Hermit Thrushes were out of the nest in Wells River, Vt., on June 15. Cedar Waxwings have started nest-building earlier than usual.

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COMMON LOON: 2, Bridgeport, Conn., June 4 (Hunt); 1, Monomoy, June 12 (Griscom); 2, Plum I., June 12 (Safford); 1, Hancock, N.H., May 29 (Perkins).

RED-THROATED LOON: several birds off Essex County May 22-27.

WESTERN GREBE: 1, Hampton Beach, N.H., May 26 (Goellner).

PIED-BILLED GREBE: apparently nesting at Shirley and Sterling; 1, E. Brookfield, May 23 (Bagg).

LEACH'S PETREL: 1, Nantucket Sound, May 30 (Cottrell).

GANNET: 1, Monomoy, May 25 (Curtis); 4 over Cape Cod Bay, May 30 (Eliot and Buchheister); Plum I., May 22 (Safford).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: very poor spring migration.

GREAT BLUE HERON: relatively few reports up to Hammonasset. Conn., June 9 (Meigs); Rowley, June 11 (Batchelder); Springfield, June 13 (Eliot).

AM: EGRET: Marshfield, June 8 (Hagar), early record.

LITTLE BLUE HERON: 1 ad. at Clark's Pd., Ipswich, June 4, still present June 11 (Batchelder and Richardson); 1 ad., Fresh Pd., Cambridge, June 10 (Dr. Barbour).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: rookery found in island in Hobbs Brook basin, a reservoir for Cambridge (Bergstrom).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 1, Tern I., Chatham, May 20, 1 in marsh near Morris I., Chatham, May 29 (Norman Hill).

LEAST BITTERN: 1 heard in S. Windsor, Conn., May 22, seen June 5 (Holcomb); pr. nesting at Middletown, R.I. (Drury); 1, Wenham swamp, May 22 (E.C.O.C.); 1 seen at Lynnfield, June 2, bird flushed from nest June 8, 2 eggs (Griscom et al.); pr. nesting at Wakefield

- (Armstrong); 2 prs. seen at Woburn, June 13 (Griscom); nest found at Miramichi Pd. in Foxboro (Mrs Charles L. Smith); female flushed at Longmeadow, June 13 (Eliot et al).
- AM. BRANT: 7, Monomoy, May 20 (Bishop); 2, Nauset, May 29 (Griscom); 50, Plum I., May 18-25 (Safford), 18, May 26 (Allen), 7 still present June 1 (Saunders).
- RED-LEGGED BLACK DUCK: 1 drake, Tiverton, R. I., May 22, residing but not definitely paired (Clement); 75, Newburyport, May 25 (Griscom).
- PINTAIL: 1 drake, Monomoy, May 20 (Bishop).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: probably more than 5 prs. at Tiverton, R. I. (Clement).
- GREATER SCAUP: 12, Madison, Conn., June 1 (Hunt); 2, Newburyport, May 25 (Alexander).
- LESSER SCAUP: 1 drake, Rowley, May 25 (Emilio), had been present for some time.
- AM. GOLDEN-EYE: 1 drake, 2 ducks, Pleasant Bay, outer Cape, May 29 (Stackpole); 1, Newburyport, May 25 (Alexander).
- OLD-SQUAW: 1 cripple bird at Little Compton, R. I., May 21 (Emerson); 1 Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom et al).
- AM. EIDER: 14, Eastham, May 29, 2, Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom et al).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: the usual late May flight along the coast; 1 albino off Plum I., May 25 (Griscom); 3 prs. on Conn. River at Mass.-Conn. line, May 22 and 2 drakes, 1 duck on river at Northampton (Eliot).
- SURF SCOTER: 10, Nahant, 4, Plum I., May 25 (Griscom et al).
- AM. SCOTER: 1, Plum I., May 25 (Griscom).
- RED-BREASTED MEGANSER: the usual stragglers on the coast up to May 30; female on Conn. river between Northampton and Hadley, May 21, (Eliot).
- RED-TAILED HAWK: Sandwich, June 5 (K. Elkins); 2, Mt. Greylock, June 5 (Griscom).
- BROAD-WINGED WAWK: nesting at Little Compton, R.I. (Clement); nesting at Wellesley (Henderson and Richardson).
- BALD EAGLE: ad. over Sunderland, June 1 (V. Richards); imm. at Bourne, June 11 (Griscom).
- OSPREY: 1 over Amherst, May 21 (Wood); 1, Longmeadow, May 22 (Eliot). Ipswich, May 22 (K. Elkins).
- DUCK HAWK: 4 migrants at Plum I., May 21-24 (Griscom and Safford).
- PIGEON HAWK: Plum I., May 16 (Safford); Wells River, Vt., May 17 (Smith).
- BOB-WHITE: 1 heard in Williamsburg from June 3 (Graves).
- KING RAIL: 1 heard in Lynnfield, May 20 (Griscom and Curtis).
- VIRGINIA RAIL: pr. seen in Belmont, June 9, teaching 4 chicks how to eat and drink (Richardson).
- FLORIDA GALLINULE: 1 or 2 calling at Lynnfield, May 20 (Griscom and Curtis); 1, Ipswich River, May 22 (E.C.O.C.); 1 heard again at Longmeadow, May 22 (Eliot); 2 prs. nesting at Lake Pontoosuc, Pittsfield.
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 1 picked up dead on road at Marshfield, June 11, most unusual record (Hagar).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: peak of flight on outer Cape May 25-6; 1, Bedford, May 18 (Clemenson); 1, Ipswich, June 11 (Richardson).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE: 10, Little Compton, R. I., May 21 (Emerson); good flight at Monomoy, May 20-30.
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 female seen at S. Chatham, June 14 (Bishop), collected on June 15 (Griscom); now in the N.E. Museum; the most recent record of this extirpated species is 1 shot on the Salisbury marshes on July 25, 1891; this particular bird was just beginning to molt and

had undeveloped ovaries, scavengers are often in abnormal conditions
this.

HADSOBIA CURLEW: very few birds reported, only 19 on outer Cape,
May 13-30.

EASTERN WILLET: 2, Monomoy, May 20 (Bishop), 3, May 26 (J. D. Smith);
1, S. Chatham, June 14 and 15 (Bishop).

GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: not as many as usual along Conn. shore (Hunt);
relatively few in period in east. Mass. last at Plum I., June 11.
(Safford).

LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: 1, Wollaston, May 26, (Colburn); 1, Newburyport,
May 25 (Alexander).

KNOT: at Monomoy, 2, May 20, (Bishop), 100, May 25 (Curtis), 75, May
30, 60, June 12 (Griscom et al).

PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1, W. Gloucester, May 18 (Perkins), late.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: only 7 on outer Cape May 20- June 12; only 4
at Plum I. May 20-25.

LEAST SANDPIPER: 4, S. Chatham, 2500, Monomoy, May 20 (Bishop); 500,
Nauset, May 29, 30, Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom); 15, Plum I., June 12
(Safford), latest date.

RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: at Monomoy, 2, May 20 (Bishop), 10, May 25 (Cur-
tis), 100, May 26 (J. Smith); only 1 Nauset, May 29 (Griscom);
a few at Plum I. and Seabrook Beach, N.H., May 25-26 (Safford,
Goellner).

DOWITCHER: flight very early; none left on outer Cape during period;
a few on Plum I. up to May 25.

SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER: at Monomoy comparatively few May 17 (Bishop),
1000s, May 25 (Curtis), 5000, May 30, 1000, June 12 (Griscom); 1st.
at Plum I., May 16, 1000, May 25 (Safford and Griscom).

SANDERLING: at Monomoy, 500, May 20 (Bishop), 3000, May 30 (Griscom),
100, June 12 (Griscom); few at Plum I., May 20 (Safford).

RED PHALAROPE: 4 very close to shore in surf. Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom)

NORTHERN PHALAROPE: 38 along outer shore of Monomoy, May 17 in flocks
of 4-8 (Bishop).

PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 chasing a Tern very close to shore, Plum I. June
5, (Richardson); 1 (Sps.?), Plum I., May 26 (F. H. Allen).

GLAUCOUS GULL: 1, Nauset, May 29 (Griscom); 1, Nahant, May 25 (Emilio).

ICELAND GULL: 1, Nauset, May 29 (Griscom); Sagamore, June 6, (Hill).

RING-BILLED GULL: several at Newburyport, May 25 (Griscom), 2, May 29
(Gergstrom).

BONAPARTE'S GULL: usual small no. along coast late May- early June.

ARCTIC TERN: 3, Plum I., May 26 (Allen et al); 12 prs., Nauset, May 29,
20 prs., Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom).

ROSEATE TERN: commonest Tern along shore at Fairfield, Conn. (Novak);
several on outer Cape May 29 and 30 (Griscom et al).

LEAST TERN: 12 prs. nesting at Little Compton, R. I., almost double
last year's colony (Clement); 25, Nauset, May 29 (Griscom), 15,
Monomoy, May 30 (Griscom et al).

BLACK TERN: 1, Little Compton, R. I., May 30 (Emerson); 1, Plum I.,
May 30 (Curtis), very rare in spring.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: very few reports; 1, Nahant, May 25 (Griscom);
pr. nesting in Newburyport (Richardson).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: general arrival in east. Mass. late, not till
May 25 in Essex Co.; 1st. at Wells River, Vt., May 24 (Smith);
Ossipee, N.Y., May 25 (Pratt).

BARN OWL: pr. nesting in W. Hartford, 2 young now in nest (Hunt).

GREAT HORNED OWL: successful brood at Tiverton, R.I. (Clement); 1 seen
at dusk hunting over marsh and sitting straight up on a dead stump in
the marsh at Lynnfield, June 2 (Griscom et al).

- BARRRED OWL: at Goshen on May 30, Mr. Bagg at dusk called up a distant note; suddenly it was attacked by another whose territory it had entered; he watched quite a fight between them.
- SHORT-EARED OWL: 6. Nantucket, May 29, (Cottrells and Parkers).
- NIGHTHAWK: 15. W. Newton, 15. Waltham, May 27 (Garrison et al); flight at Plum I., May 24 (Safford); 1st. at Wells River, Vt., May 24 (Smith).
- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: last date of bird at Athol since Mar. 20, May 14; 1, Andover, May 19 (J. R. Wood); Wells River, Vt., May 21, (Smith).
- ARCTIC THREE-TOED WOODPECKER: 2, Sharon, June 15 (Taylor and Owsing).
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: 1 imm. female, Cambridge, May 19 (Griscom), record late date.
- CRESTED FLYCATCHER: Ossipee, N. H. June 10 and 14 (Pratt), rare so far north.
- PHOEBE: bird seen at Morris I., Chatham for 3rd. time this spring (Bishop).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: New Britain, Conn., May 21 (Schmidt); Cambridge, May 21 (Garrison); 1, Plum I., May 22 (Elkins); and May 26 and 28 (Safford); 1 at summit of Mt. Greylock, June 4 (Touseys); at Manchester, N.H., 1, May 20, 2, May 25, 3, May 28, 1, May 29 singing (Goellner).
- ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: 1, Agawam, May 19, heard both calling and singing (Leshure).
- ALDER FLYCATCHER: heard and seen at Mansfield, May 5 (Mrs. Wakeman); 1st. at Northampton, May 17 (Eliot); 1, Lynnfield, May 22, 3, May 25, 1, Nahant, May 25 (Griscom and Emilio); Princeton, May 25 (Gregory); migrants at Plum I., May 22-28, 1, June 9 (Safford); Wells River, Vt., May 22 (Smith).
- WOOD PEWEE: general arrival in east. Mass. late; Wollaston, May 17 (Colburn); Lynn, May 20 (Griscom et al); 1st. at Northampton, May 17 (Eliot); Wells River, Vt., May 23 (Smith).
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: unusual no. of reports; Lincoln, May 19 (Blakes); Cambridge, May 20 (Touseys); 1 singing in Goshen, May 21 (Eliot); transient in Northampton, May 22 (Madeira); Petersham, June 12 (Gregory); 5, Ipswich River, May 21-22 (E.C.O.C.); 1 at Plum I., May 21, 22 and 28 (Griscom and Safford); 1 at Manchester, N.H., May 29, 5, May 30, 1 singing June 2, (Goellner); Wells River, Vt., May 25 (Smith).
- BANK SWALLOW: large colony at Wachusett Reservoir (C. Allen); 10 migrating at Eastham, May 29 (Griscom et al).
- ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: pr. nesting at Little Compton, R.I. (Emerson); Middletown, R.I., May 30 (Drury); 1, Monomoy, May 17 (Bishop); migrant at Plum I., May 21 and 22 (Safford); nesting at Rockport (F.E. Smith, Jr.); 3 prs. in Huntington, 1 in Chester, 3 prs. in Middlefield, notably high in hills. (Cross).
- BARN SWALLOW: heavy migration on outer Cape May 29-30 (Griscom et al).
- BLUE JAY: on May 19 a striking late migration in Northampton, 18 in 1 flock (Eliot).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 apparently nesting at Athol (Allison); 1. Longmeadow, May 22 (Taber); 1 seen feeding young in Plainfield, June 12 (Cross).
- BROWN CREEPER: Rochester, June 5 (K. Elkins); 1 probably nesting at Chesterfield (Eliot); 1, Florence, June 11, apparently unmated (Weeks); June 12, nest with 2 fresh eggs, Plainfield (Cross).
- WINTER WREN: 1 singing on Mt. Greylock, June 5 (Griscom).
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: Andover, N.H., May 29 and June 12, probably breeding (K. Elkins).

- MOCKINGBIRD: 2, Nantucket, May 28 (Cottrells and Parkers); 1 singing at Sandisfield, May 23 (Mrs. Slaker).
- OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: very poor spring flight; 1 late bird at Northampton, June 1 (Eliot); 1st. at Wells River, Vt., May 25 (Smith).
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: very poor flight.
- BICINNELLO'S THRUSH: 1, Plum I., May 21 (Safford); 1 singing in Cambridge at 5.10 A.M., May 28 (Griscom); 9 on breeding grounds at summit of Mt. Greylock, June 5 (Griscom).
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 late bird at Brookline, May 29 (Henderson); 1, Plum I., May 22 (Griscom); 3, Manchester, N.H., May 18 (Goellner).
- AM. PIPIT: 6 Agawam, May 5 (Leshure).
- CEDAR WAXWING: pr. building nest at W. Hartford, Conn., June 8 (Hunt); 1st. reached Huntington May 23 and seen nesting as unusually early as June 4 (Cross); general arrival in Essex Co. May 22; 7, Manchester, N.H., May 21 (Goellner); Wells River, Vt., May 23 (Smith).
- WHITE-EYED VIREO: 1 in Hadley, May 7 (Ethel M. Smith).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 3 singing males in area of one and a half miles, Waltham (Bergstrom); 1st. at Wells River, Vt., May 16 (Smith).
- BLUE-HEADED VIREO: late migrants at Knollwood, Conn., May 18 (Hunt) and Nahant, May 22 (Richardson); wanderers at Northampton June 4 (Eliot) and Longmeadow, June 12 (Gregory and Kraus).
- RED-EYED VIREO: 1st. at Wells River, Vt., May 18 (Smith); late straggler at Somerville, June 1 (K. Tousey).
- WARBLING VIREO: apparently increasing in nos. in east. Mass.
- BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER: late migrant in Somerville, May 31 (K. Tousey).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1, New Britain, Conn. mated to a Blue-wing (Schmidt); rare in Berkshires, pr. probably breeding at Lenox sanctuary and a male sang at Pittsfield Country Club on June 12 and 13 (Hendricks).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 2 prs. at Tiverton, R.I. (Clement); 1 male, perhaps 2, singing at Northampton May 9-10, female was seen May 15 (Eliot); 1 near Ashley Pds., Holyoke, May 17 (Bagg and Buchheister); Princeton, May 25 (Gregory).
- BREWSTER'S WARBLER: female studied in Longmeadow May 28 and 29 (Dietrich).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER: several in Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, 1st. part of period; 1, Lynn, May 18 (Richardson); 1st. at Wells River, Vt., May 22, last on May 29 (Smith).
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 1, Concord, May 17 (Armstrong); 1, Cambridge, May 19 (Griscom et al); 1, Holyoke, May 17 (Bagg and Buchheister).
- PARULA WARBLER: Ipswich, May 30 (Mrs. Howe); 1st. at Wells River, Vt., May 18 (Smith).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: Cambridge, May 18 (Griscom); 2, Swampscott, May 21 (Garrison); 2, Manchester, N.H., May 17, 1, May 18 and 21 (Goellner).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: relatively late general arrival; normal nos. near Boston; unusual no. in Essex Co., 1, Manchester, N.H. May 17 (Goellner); only 1 seen this spring in Wells River, Vt. on May 21 (Smith).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: last at Northampton, early departure, June 2 (Eliot) migrant at Pittsfield, June 4 (Touseys); 2 at summit of Mt. Greylock June 5 (Griscom); 1st. at Wells River, Vt., May 19, last, June 2, Unusually common June 2 (Smith).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 1 near Mt. Tekoa, May 27 (Cross); rare in N.H., 1 at Manchester, May 18 and 30, June 2 (Goellner): has increased in recent years around Nashua, seems to be locally common in suitable areas in southern Hillsboro Co. (Paul Wright).
- WESTERN PALM WARBLER: 1, Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, May 17 (Touseys et al).
- LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: belated straggler at Northampton, May 17 (Mrs. Wakeman).

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- MOORNING WARBLER:** rare in east. Mass., 1 at Plum I., May 22 (Safford) singing males in Northampton, May 21-22 and in Longmeadow, May 22 female at Northampton May 28 (Eliot); 1st. ever recorded at Lenox sanctuary, May 21 (Wallace); 6 on breeding grounds summit of Mt. Greylock, June 5 (Garrison and Griscom); Wilmot, N.H., May 30 (K. Elkins); Wells River, Vt., May 25 (Smith).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:** breeding at Montserrat (E. Foster); 1 in Princeton June 2 (Gregory and Kraus).
- HOODED WARBLER:** exceedingly rare in east. Mass., 1 female in Cambridge May 19 (Griscom et al); 1 female, Plum I., May 20, 1 male, May 24 (Safford); 1 male singing in Northampton, May 19, different from the May 12 bird, less extensive black on throat (Wakeman).
- WILSON'S WARBLER:** a few birds in late May in east. Mass..
- CANADA WARBLER:** 5 prs. Little Compton, R.I., (Clement); at old nesting place in Concord (Armstrong); 1, Rowley, June 12 (Richardson).
- AM. REDSTART:** late migrant in Somerville, June 1 (K. Tousey).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE:** 1 ad. male singing in Newbury, May 21, same spot as 1 was seen at same date in '36 and '37 (Garrison); 1 imm. male, Little Nahant, May 18 (Curtis); 1 imm. male singing at Waltham, June 1 (Bergstrom); ad. male and female nesting in Greenbush (Hagar). female at Chicopee was watched making nest on May 22; her mate this year is a young male; it seems remarkable that after the death (presumed) of the adult male which had returned to that location for 6 or 7 years, the species still nests there (Eliot).
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD:** late birds at Plum I., May 21 (Safford).
- INDIGO BUNTING:** steadily increasing as a summer resident in Essex Co., 6 singing males in Rowley and Newburyport, June 12 (Richardson); 1 at summit of Mt. Greylock, June 5, several at lower altitudes (Griscom); 1st. at Manchester, N.H., May 20, (Goellner); Wells River, Vt., May 22.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:** markedly increased in several localities around Fall River, notably at Westport (Clement); 1, Manchester, N.H., May 16 and 30, June 2 (Goellner); 1 singing male at Hudson and Litchfield, N.H., June 9 (P. Wright).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW:** nesting at Little Compton, R.I. (Clement); Wells River, Vt., May 29 (Smith).
- ACADIAN SHARP-TAILED SPARROW:** 6, Eastham, May 29, 6-8, Plum I., June 2 (Griscom et al).
- SHARP-TAILED SPARROW:** 5 or 6 at Hammonasset, Conn. (Holcomb); 3, Plum I., May 25 (Griscom); 1, Hampton Beach, N.H., May 26 (Goellner).
- SEASIDE SPARROW:** 1 at Guilford, Conn. (Holcomb); pr nesting at Middletown, R.I. (Drury); 1 near Morris I., Chatham, May 29 (Norman Hill).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:** Princeton, May 16 (Gregory); Cambridge, May 19 (Griscom); Plum I., May 22 (Safford); 5, Manchester, N.H., May 21 (Goellner).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** very few in east. Mass.; 1, Manchester, N.H., May 19 (Goellner).

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The return migration of Shore-birds is early this year; Dowitchers, Lesser Yellow-legs and Least Sandpipers have arrived in numbers ahead of schedule; species not expected until later have been seen, such as a Stilt Sandpiper in Muscongus Bay, Maine on July 5.

Another early migrant is the Osprey. One was seen in Newton on July 4, two in Essex County on July 13, the earliest previous record for that region being July 31. Perhaps this is an indication of an early successful breeding season. It seems reasonable as the spring migration was advanced. Winter Wrens were out of the nest at Wells River, Vt., on June 19, Yellow Warblers on June 23.

The heavy rain, especially the four inches which fell June 25-29, has proved disastrous to many broods; young have died, nests have been ruined. Sora Rails are starting anew, as evidenced by continued calling at Ipswich on July 13.

The only successful Tern breeding colony has been at Tern I. off Chatham, which was ploughed this year by Dr. Austin. At Penikese I., for instance, where the grass is about 2 ft. high, there were less than 50 chicks alive to be banded, compared with the usual 4000. On the other hand, 500 juvenile Herring Gulls were banded there, an increase of 20% over last year.

At Monomoy Messrs. Griscom and Garrison report Shore-bird summer stragglers as follows: Black-bellied Plover 117; Ruddy Turnstone 3; Knot 4; Semi-palmated Sandpiper 22; Sanderling 30.

We hope for less rain and better conditions for field trips.

Juliet Richardson

COMMON LOON: 3, Falmouth, July 3 (Minot); 13, Middletown, R. I., July 16 (Drury).

RED-THROATED LOON: 2, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 11 (Cruikshank).

PIED-BILLED GREBE: present throughout period at Little Compton, R. I., probably nesting (Emerson).

GREATER SHEARWATER: 2, 70 miles s. of Martha's Vineyard, July 5 (H. H. Richardson); 1 off Muskeget I., July 13 (Hagar and Garrison).

LEACH'S PETREL: eggs in burrows at Little Green I., Muscongus Bay, Me., (Cruikshank); 1 supposed Leach's Petrel heard and 1st. seen at 1 a.m., July 15 near nesting burrow on Penikese I. (Hagar and Garrison).

WILSON'S PETREL: many near Martha's Vineyard, July 5 (H.H. Richardson); Cape Cod Bay unusually crowded with them, over 100 at entrance of Plymouth Harbor at end of period, flock at mouth of Marion harbor driven in by strong southwest winds (W. R. Peabody); 2 dead on Sagamore Beach July 2, 1, offshore 1/2 mi., July 2 (N. Hill).

EUROPEAN CORMORANT: Muscongus Bay, Me., June 13, 14, 15 (Cruikshank).

- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: over 1000 prs. nesting on islands in Muscongus Bay, Me., last year there were 721 (Cruikshank); at Little Compton, R. I., 1, July 4, 3, July 12 (Emerson); about 12 at Middletown (Drury).
- GREAT BLUE HERON: Sudbury River, June 19 (Armstrong); M. Vineyard, June 17 (F. Smith); several stragglers on outer Cape during period (Griscom and MacLay); 1 in Plainfield, Hampshire Co. on July 7, where breeding has been suspected for some years (Eliot); 2, Little Compton, R. I., July 3 (Emerson); Hammonasset, Conn., July 5 (Meigs).
- AM. EGRET: 1, Portsmouth, N. H., June 17-28, 2, July 13 (J.T. Coolidge); 1, Ipswich, June 26 (Mrs. R. C. Curtis), earliest Essex Co. summer record; 3, Rowley, July 2, 4, July 10 (Batchelder); Cotuit, June 26 (Taber); Northampton, June 30 and July 5 (Combs); arrived at Little Compton, R. I., July 2 (Emerson).
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 1 imm. at S. Chatham, July 13-15 (Bishop); 1 2nd yr. bird at Chatham, July 15 (Griscom).
- LEAST BITTERN: 1 found in Dorset, Vt., June 21 (Smith); 1 male seen and filmed in Longmeadow, June 22 (Bagg); 1 male, Lake Pontoosuc, July 6 (Eliot); 1 nest found at Middletown, R. I. (Drury); 4 prs. breeding at Redding, Conn. (F. Yound); 1 pr. at S. Windsor, Conn. (Hunt).
- AM. BRANT: 1, apparently healthy, Fox I. Thoroughfare, Vinal Haven, Me., June 21 (Touseys).
- COMMON BLACK DUCK: very successful breeding at Little Compton, R. I.
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 6, Ipswich, July 10 (Richardson); female at Concord, June 22 (F. H. Allen); Longmeadow, June 22 (Bagg); Monomoy Pt., 1 female July 10 to end of period (Griscom); 1 pr. with young, 5 mi. north of colony at Tiverton, R. I. (Clement).
- GREATER SCAUP: 1 crippled female, Little Compton, R. I., July 9 and 14 (Emerson and Drury).
- LESSER SCAUP: presumably, 1 female, Nantucket, July 8 to end of period (H. V. E. Allen).
- OLD-SQUAW: 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 5 (Cruikshank); 1 female, Ipswich July 15 (Perkins); 1, Monomoy, June 18 (Griscom and Garrison); 1 at Middletown, R. I., with same peculiarities in plumage as 1 seen there all last summer (Drury).
- AM. EIDER: common in Muscongus Bay, Me. (Cruikshank); 1, Monomoy, June 18 (Griscom and Garrison).
- KING EIDER: 3, Muscongus Bay, Me., June 15 (Cruikshank), unusual record.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: flocks in Muscongus Bay, Me. (Cruikshank); a few off Naushon (Peabody); 30, Middletown, R.I., July 16 (Drury).
- SURF AND AMERICAN SCOTER: seen in Muscongus Bay, Me. (Cruikshank).
- RUDDY DUCK: 1 male, Middletown, R. I., July 16 (Drury).
- HOODED MERGANSER: 1 with young at Carry Ponds, Me., July 3, interesting breeding record (Bagg); family found again at Pepperell, 1/2 mi. from last year's place, pr. with 2 young, though 2 ad. females were seen together shortly after the middle of June (Tudor Richards).
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: a few in Muscongus Bay, Me. (Cruikshank); a chick with parents at Monomoy (Mrs. MacLay); 1, Little Compton, R.I., July 12 (Emerson).
- GOSHAWK: seen in New Salem, June 20 (Allisons); a pr. has nested in that general region almost steadily for many years.
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: Salisbury, N. H., June 30 (K. Elkins); Ipswich, June 16 (Perkins); Montserrat, June 30, N. Reading, July 7 (Robbins).
- COOPER'S HAWK: Muscongus Bay, Me., in period (Cruikshank); the young in the nest at Shirley were banded on June 12, 1 yg. bird was frightened from nest June 20, never found; 1 yg. flew July 1, a 2nd.

- climbed to end of limb; all gone July 2 (Colburn); 1, Chatham, June 18, must be nesting, rare in region (Griscom and Garrison).
- RED-TAILED HAWK: 1 seen at Northfield being chased by a Broad-winged, June 17 (F. Elkins).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: family at N. Westport (Clement); yg. in nest in Wellesley (Henderson).
- BALD EAGLE: a few in Muscongus Bay, Me.; 1 ad. over Sunderland, July 6 (Mrs. Richards).
- OSPREY: early migrants, 1 over Charles River, Newton, July 4 (Robbins); 1, Ipswich, 1, Rowley, July 13 (Griscom et al).
- DUCK HAWK: seen on Haystack Mt., Pawlet, Vt. (Smith); 3 flying about Mt. Tom, July 1, constant calls from eyrie indicated not all young yet a-wing (Eliot); 1, Lynn marshes, July 8 (Perkins).
- PIGEON HAWK: 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., June 13 (Cruikshank).
- RUFFED GROUSE: apparently an early and successful breeding season at Andover, N. H.; broods are large and young birds bigger than usual at this season (K. Elkins).
- VIRGINIA RAIL: a good many nests at Middletown, R. I. (Drury).
- SORA: 1, Medomak, Me., June 13 (Cruikshank).
- FLORIDA GALLINULE: found in marsh in Dorset, Vt., June 21 (Smith).
- SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER: 1, Ipswich, July 10 (Richardson); 3, Monomoy, July 3 (Griscom), early; 1, Middletown, R. I., July 16 (Drury).
- KILLDEER: Medomak, Me., June 25 (Cruikshank).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: Muscongus Bay, Me., June 20 and July 5 (Cruikshank).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE: 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 5 (Cruikshank); 1, Little Compton, R. I., July 14 (Emerson); 2, Middletown, R. I., July 17 (Drury).
- WILSON'S SNIPES: 1 in Lanesboro at Lake Pontoosuc, July 6 (Eliot), very early transient?
- HUDSONIAN CURLEW: 1st. at Plum I., July 15 (Safford); 1, Chatham, July 10 (Griscom).
- UPLAND PLOVER: 4 in common pasture, Newburyport, indication of breeding this year; 2 in Plum I. marshes, July 13 (Griscom et al).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 2 in Hadley, July 5 (Mrs. Sawyer); 2 in Whateley, July 7 (Miss Doleman), previous earliest in region July 8, 1893.
- WESTERN WILLET: 1, Plum I., July 6, 7, 9 (Safford); 3 ads. in breeding plumage at Monomoy, July 10 (Griscom and Garrison).
- GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 10 (Cruikshank); 1 at Rowley, 2 at Plum I., July 2 (Batchelder and Safford); 9, Monomoy, July 10 (Griscom); 57, Nantucket, July 15 (H. Allen), unusually large flock so early; 2 in New Salem, June 20 (Allisons), most extraordinary; 15, Middletown, R. I., July 9 (Drury).
- LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: 2, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 10 (Cruikshank); large flock at Plum I., July 5 (Safford); 800, Essex Co., July 13 (Griscom); 7, Monomoy, July 3 (Griscom and Garrison); 1st. at Little Compton, R. I. July 6 (Emerson); 20, Middletown, R. I., July 9 (Drury).
- KNOT: 100, Monomoy, July 10 (Griscom and Garrison).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1 in breeding plumage at Monomoy, July 3, probable summer straggler (Griscom and Garrison).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: Muscongus Bay, Me., June 30, July 5 and 7 (Cruikshank); 1st. at Plum I., July 3 (Safford), early; 75, Essex Co., July 13 (Griscom); 6, Monomoy, July 3, 75, July 10 (Griscom and Garrison); 43, Nantucket, July 10 (H. Allen); 10, Middletown, R. I., July 17 (Drury).

DOWITCHER: 2, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 5 (Cruikshank); 7, Plum I., July 3, 300, July 13 (Safford and Griscom); 55, Monomoy, July 3, very early, 430, July 10 (Griscom and Garrison); 25, Little Compton, R. I., July 9 (Drury).

STILT SANDPIPER: 1 in full breeding plumage, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 5 very early (Cruikshank).

SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER: Muscongus Bay, Me., June 10 and July 5 (Cruikshank); 300, Monomoy, July 10 (Griscom and Garrison); 10, Middletown, R. I., July 15 (Drury).

POMARINE JAEGER: 2 ads. at Monomoy, June 18 (Griscom and Garrison); 4, species ?, near entrance of Cape Cod Canal in Buzzard's Bay at end of period (W. R. Peabody).

ICELAND GULL: 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., June 20 (Cruikshank).

KUMLIEN'S GULL: 1, Monomoy, July 3 (Griscom and Garrison).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: nos. about the same as last year in Muscongus Bay, Me., yg. on the wing now (Cruikshank); 8 around Nantucket, in previous years only 2 or 3 (H. Allen); 8 ads. at Middletown, R. I.

HERRING GULL: increase in nos. at 3 islands in Muscongus Bay, Me.

RING-BILLED GULL: 5, Newburyport, July 13 (Griscom et al).

LAUGHING GULL: 250 nesting at Little Green I., Muscongus Bay, Me., the same no. as last year (Cruikshank).

TERNS have moved to new islands in Muscongus Bay, Me. (Cruikshank).

ARCTIC TERN: about 15 prs. nesting on Milk I. Essex Co. (Emilio and Curtis); 150 prs. at Tern I. (Dr. Austin).

ROSEATE TERN: 1, July 5, Muscongus Bay, Me. (Cruikshank); fewer than last year at Middletown, R. I. (Drury).

SOOTY TERN: 2 imm. birds were observed for a considerable time at close range on Monomoy, July 2; another 2 were seen even more favorably on July 7 at Pamet Pt., Truro; movies were taken of these birds. (Dr. Oliver L. Austin).

LEAST TERN: 20, Little Compton, R. I., July 9 (Drury); 1, Ipswich Beach, July 20 (Mr. and Mrs. Curtis).

BLACK TERN: 1 male in full breeding plumage, Monomoy Pt., June 18, extraordinarily late (Griscom and Garrison).

BLACK GUILLEMOT: nos. the same as last year in Muscongus Bay, Me., young at end of period (Cruikshank).

MOURNING DOVE: Medomak, Me., June 7 and 24, rare so far north (Cruikshank).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: Medomak, Me., June 16 (Cruikshank), also a pr. well seen at Andover, N. H., June 27 (K. Elkins), rare so far north; 2, Topsfield, June 30 (Perkins); 1, Dedham, July 3 (Robbins).

BARN OWL: in Egremont, at 1 a. m., 1 flew, unharmed, through the open window of a moving automobile and was taken to the Lenox Sanctuary where, after a few days, it was freed (Hendricks).

SAW-WHET OWL: a juvenile was closely studied at the summit of Mt. Greylock on July 7 (Eliot et al).

PILEATED WOODPECKER: pr. and nest found at Westmore, Vt. (A. Morgan); 1, Hog I., Me., June 28 (Cruikshank); W. Hartford, Conn., July 4 (Hunt).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: nesting at Lakeville, Conn. (P. Wright).

YELLOW-BELLIED SIPSUCKER: in Monroe on July 7, calling young were still in nest (Eliot et al).

CRESTED FLYCATCHER: Medomak, Me., rare so far north (Cruikshank); 1 in woods at head of Long Pd., Brewster, July 3, 1st. record for outer Cape (Griscom and Garrison).

- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: back nesting at Northfield (F. Elkins); New Salem, June 20 (Allisons); on July 7 on Mt. Greylock and in Monroe (Eliot).
- TREE SWALLOW: flocking at end of period; a couple of flocks, 300-400, at Middletown, R. I. (Drury); migrants at S. Chatham and Monomoy on July 3 (Griscom and Garrison).
- BARN SWALLOW: also flocking.
- BANK SWALLOW: 1 migrant at Monomoy Pt., July 10 (Griscom); had left S. Windsor, Conn. by July 5 (Holcomb).
- ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: several seen along N. H. highways as far north as Thornton or Campton, June 25-6 (Eliot); 1, possibly 2, Ipswich, June 16 (Perkins); pr. at Waltham (Bergstrom); new nesting place in Conn. valley found by Mr. Cross; 2 prs. in Russell, 1 in Huntington, Middlefield and Chester.
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 2 migrants, Essex Co., July 13 (Griscom et al).
- PURPLE MARTIN: small colony at W. Ossipee, N. H. (Young); 4 ads. on a wire at Conway, N. H., July 7 (Miss Doleman).
- CANADA JAY: 3 ad., 2 imm., Jennings Pk., N. H., June 26 (Eliot); 3 at Carry Pds., Me., July 2-4 (Bagg).
- N. RAVEN: quite common in Muscongus Bay, Me. (Cruikshank); nest at Sutton I., Me. (Mrs. Mills); 1 at Westmore, Vt., June 30 (A. Morgan).
- ACADIAN CHICKADEE: small flock at Mt. Kinsman, N. H., July 3 (Cottrells); 1, Pinkham Notch, N. H., July 5 (S. Cobb); 1, Jennings Pk., N. H., June 26 (Eliot); on July 3 at Carry Pds., Me., Mr. Bagg found a nest with full feathered young 15 in. up in a cedar in a bare, ledgy opening in the woods.
- WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 at summit of Mt. Greylock, July 7 (Eliot).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: many on Greylock, July 7 (Eliot).
- HOUSE WREN: 5 nesting prs. in Manchester, N. H. (Goellner).
- CAROLINA WREN: Tiverton, R. I., June 26 (Clement).
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: probably breeding in 2 localities in Andover, N. H. (K. Elkins); Sutton, N. H., June 30 (P. Wright); 1, Northampton, singing where not seen earlier in the season (Eliot).
- BROWN THRASHER: 2, Chatham, July 3 (Griscom and Garrison); rare and irregular on outer Cape.
- WHITE-EYED VIREO: 1 pr., N. Westport, July 3 (Clement).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: very scarce throughout Massachusetts; a few along the Charles River (Robbins).
- BLUE-HEADED WARBLER: 1 at foot of Monument Mt., June 19 (Elkins); not noted in Conn. valley after June 22, except on July 16 an ad. male was seen in Longmeadow, only July record in region (Bagg).
- LAWRENCE'S WARBLER: pr. breeding at Wilton, Conn. (F. Young); 1 male studied for a long time by R. Belden at Windsor, Conn. (Griswold).
- PARULA WARBLER: 10 nests found at Hog I., Me. (Cruikshank); breeding on Naushon I. (W. R. Peabody). 1, Waterville Valley, N. H., June 25 (Eliot).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 3 nests found at Hog I., Me. (Cruikshank); pr. in Manchester, N. H. feeding young the first week of July (Goellner); 1 singing in n. Northampton at an elevation of not over 200 ft., July 3 (Eliot).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: nesting at Hog I., Me. (Cruikshank).
- MYRTLE WARBLER: 1 pr. feeding 2 young at Manchester, N. H., July 14 (Goellner); singing in Leverett as low as 400 ft. (Eliot); 1 singing male in Tewksbury, July 3 (Touseys).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: at least 5 singing males, Manchester, N. H.; female feeding young, July 15 (Goellner).

- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: 4 noted on outer Cape, rare in region (Griscom and Allen).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: nesting on Hog I., Me. (Cruikshank); 2, Seal Harbor, 2, S. Brookville, Me., end of June (Touseys); male seen singing at Salisbury, N. H., June 30, 1 seen near the same place on June 30, '37 and July 1, '36 (K. Elkins).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: at least 6 singing males on south side of summit of Mt. Greylock, July 7; no females found in search for nests (Eliot).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: Manchester, N. H., July 15 (Goellner); Concord, N.H., June 23 (P. Wright); Williamsburg, June 16 (Eliot).
- LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: 1 sang in Northampton, June 21 - July 1 where certainly none nested (Eliot).
- MOORING WARBLER: 1, Medomak, Me., June 8 (Cruikshank); pr., Franconia Notch, N. H., July 2 (Cottrells); Andover, N. H., June 28 and July 5, Salisbury, N. H., June 30 and July 3 (K. Elkins); 6 singing on Greylock, July 7, 1 in Monroe; 1 was heard and well seen at Dunbar Brook in the upper Deerfield valley, elevation only about 960 ft. (Eliot).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 2 singing males and at least 1 female constantly seen and heard in Duxbury since June 4 (Lawson); 1 imm. male singing at Long Pd., Brewster, June 18 (Griscom and Garrison); still singing at Chicopee, July 16, late (Bagg and Eliot).
- INDIGO BUNTING: Tiverton, R. I., July 3 (Clement); 3 on top of Mt. Greylock, July 7 (Eliot).
- PINE GROSBEAK: 1 imm. male, Mt. Kinsman, N. H., July 2 (Cottrells).
- PINE SISKIN: 2 on Mt. Passaconaway, N. H., on July 3 at 4060 ft. (Taber).
- WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: 2 prs. at S. Brookville, Me., June 29, almost daily till July 14; on July 13 the woods at Pulpit Harbor, North Haven, Me. were full of them, constantly singing, not present there on June 21 (K. Tousey); small flock heard and seen daily since July 5 at Sutton's I., Me. (Mrs. Mills); 1 near Mooshead Lake, Me., July 3 (Riedel); flock at Hog I., Me., July 4, 6, 9 (Cruikshank).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: Nashua, N. H., July 5 (P. Wright); Manchester, N. H., July 10 (Goellner).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 2 or 3 prs. settled in a wild meadow at Andover, N. H. (K. Elkins), rare so far north; breeding at Wilton, Conn. (F. Young).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: noted, apparently breeding, at 2 places on Mt. Desert I., Me. (Dietrich).

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The abnormally heavy rain, between 8 - 10 inches fell in eastern Massachusetts the second half of July, had a profound effect upon bird-life. Most of the final breeding efforts of the Terns were ruined; the second nesting of many land birds was a failure. Very few southern Herons ventured north compared to recent years, doubtless due to an adequate water supply further south. There has been an unusual number and variety of Shore-birds at inland points like the Sudbury valley and in West Newbury on account of mudflats exposed by the receding floods.

The Shore-bird flight has been a little early. There have been very good numbers but none of the rare western species have been represented.

There have been signs of a very early fall migration of those birds which bred early and escaped the rain, particularly a marked movement of land birds. The first night migration of Warblers was heard at Wells River, Vt. on July 24, there was a considerable flight there on the 27th. Several migrants appeared in the Connecticut valley on August 13.

Mr. Hagar has kindly offered to send me daily communications on the Broad-winged Hawk flight over Mt. Tom. Anyone interested may telephone me at the Museum for the latest news and Mr. Hagar's forecast of prospects for a day or two ahead up to Sept. 22nd. It is understood that the Broad-wings may not cross at Mt. Tom, but it is quite possible to tell in advance when weather conditions have been favorable in northern New England to produce a flight here.

Juliet Richardson

RED-THROATED LOON: 3 in breeding plumage off Plum I., July 19 (Eliot); 1 oiled bird off Woods Hole, Aug. 10 (Jones); 1 at Pt. Judith, R.I., July 31 (Bowen).

HOLBOELL'S GREBE: 1 in poor plumage, close to shore, Saybrook, Conn., Aug. 6 (Remington).

PIED-BILLED GREBE: 4, Little Compton, R.I., July 15, 12, Aug. 11 (Emerson); Muscongus Bay, Me., July 30 and Aug. 14 (Audubon Nature Camp).

SOOTY SHEARWATER: 2-3 off Chatham, July 24, 2, Aug. 8 (Griscom et al); 1, 20 miles off Block I., R. I., July 17 (Bowen).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 1 was picked up dead in good fresh condition at Little Compton, R. I., July 27 by David Emerson. This constitutes the second record of the species for New England, the first having been found at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard on Aug. 13, 1938. The specimen is now in the skin collection of the New England Museum if anyone would be interested to see it.

GREATER SHEARWATER: 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 24 (Audubon Nature Camp).

CORY'S SHEARWATER: 1 close to boat 10 miles off Chatham, July 24 (Griscom et al), earliest record for Mass.; 1 at same place on Aug. 14; 30, 20 miles off Block I., R. I., July 17 (Bowen).

LEACH'S PETREL: over 100 prs. with young at Little Green I., Me. (Aud. Nat. Camp); 1 with Wilson's off Chatham, Aug. 8 (Griscom et al); 6 off Block I., R. I., July 26 (A. M. Clark).

- WILSON'S PETREL: as a whole surprisingly scarce off the New England coast, only common locally.
- GANNET: 1 ad. off Rye Beach, N. H., July 23 (fide Collins).
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: young raised very successfully at Muscongus Bay, Me. (Aud. Nat. Camp); 4 off Rye Beach, N. H., July 21 (Wright); several flocks at Plum I. from 35 to more than 100, Aug. 20 and 21 (Safford); 4 at Saybrook, Conn., Aug. 5 (Remington).
- GREAT BLUE HERON: unusual numbers along coast; 1 in Chester, July 15, singles in n. e. Conn. valley July 17 and 19, scarce in region till Aug. 1 (Eliot).
- AM. EGRET: few throughout in comparison with recent years.
- LITTLE BLUE HERON: even fewer reports than for the Egret; none reported inland; only 2 in Essex Co.; only 2 on outer Cape; 5 at Marshfield; Muscongus Bay, Me., Aug. 1 and 5 (Audubon Nature Camp); a few more in R. I. and Conn.
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 2, Newburyport harbor, Aug. 1 (C. H. Richardson); 1, Monomoy, and the 2nd. yr. bird still present at S. Chatham on July 31 (Griscom et al).
- MUTE SWAN: a lone bird has been roaming the south side of Martha's Vineyard since late April. It was absolutely identified by the bill in late July by Guy Emerson and Mrs. Wakeman.
- COMMON BLACK DUCK: excellent breeding season, notably common throughout.
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 3, Plum I., Aug. 5 (Safford); 2 at Hadley, July 27 (Allison); 7, Monomoy, Aug. 13 (Griscom); 5, Little Compton, R. I., July 29, 20, Aug. 7 (Emerson).
- WOOD DUCK: very successful breeding season.
- LESSER SCAUP: a male at Northampton, Aug. 6 (Bagg and Eliot), only valley record between June and September.
- Summering stragglers of salt-water ducks not previously reported are:
- OLD-SQUAW: female at S. Brooksville, Me., July 30-Aug. 2 (K. Tousey).
- SURF SCOTER: 1, Middletown, R. I., July 31 (Drury).
- AMERICAN SCOTER: at least 1, S. Chatham, July 31 (Eliot); 10 Chilmark, Aug. 8 (Wakeman); 1 off Saunderstown, R. I., July 28 (A. M. Clark).
- AMERICAN MERGANSER: 3 on Merrimack River, Manchester, N. H., in last week of July (Provost); 3, Sullivan, N. H., July 22 (J. Carver).
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 5, Ipswich Beach, July 28 (Perkins); 3 females at Little Compton, R. I., up to July 30 (Emerson).
- TURKEY VULTURE: 1 at Jamestown, R. I., July 27 (A. M. Clark).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: The nest in Wellesley Hills was carefully watched; 2 young were successfully reared by apparently only the female (Henderson).
- S. BALD EAGLE: seen at Mashpee (Garrison); 1, W. Dennis, Aug. 14 (Harris); ad. at Westport, Aug. 13 (Clark).
- OSPREY: 1, Northampton, Aug. 1-7 (Eliot); Pittsfield, Aug. 7 (Hendricks); Phillipston, Aug. 8-10 (Allison); Chatham, Aug. 13 (Griscom).
- CANADA SPRUCE GROUSE: on Mt. Madison, N. H., a female and 3 partly downy but able to fly young, July 22 (Kraus).
- BOB-WHITE: Phillipston, July 26-27 and Aug. 10 (Allison), very rare in region.
- SORA: 1 in Hadley, July 25, common after Aug. 4 (Eliot).
- COOT: 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., Aug. 14 (Audubon Nature Camp).
- SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER: 5 east of Sturbridge, July 22 (Mrs. Bagg); 1 in Hadley, July 23 (Bagg); 1, Easthampton, July 26 (Riedel), previous earliest date for valley, July 29; 1st. at Nantucket, July 27 (Allen); peak of flight at Chatham, 825, week-end of Aug. 14 (Griscom et al); 14, Jamestown, R. I., July 27 (A. M. Clark).

- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: migrants from north on outer Cape, 185 on July 30 (Griscom et al); 1st. at Nantucket, Aug. 4 (Allen), Chilmark, Aug. 5 (Wakeman), Little Compton, R. I., July 26 (Emerson).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE: 2, Rye Harbor, N. H., July 21 (Wright); 6, Plum I., July 21 (Griscom et al); 1st. at Chatham, July 16, peak of flight, 310, July 31 (Griscom et al); common at Narragansett Bay, R. I., since July 26 (Gibbs).
- WILSON'S SNIPER: Plum I., July 26, 27, 29 (Safford); 2, W. Newbury, Aug. 4 (Griscom and Curtis); 1 or 2 at Hadley, July 28, 4 in Pittsfield Aug. 6 (Eliot et al).
- HUDSONIAN CURLEW: 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 17, regular after July 25 (Aud. Nat. Camp); 2, Ipswich Beach, July 28 (Perkins); peak of adult flight at Chatham, 76 the week-end of July 31 (Griscom et al); 25, Pt. Judith, R. I., July 27 (A. M. Clark).
- UPLAND PLOVER: 6, W. Newbury and Newburyport, Aug. 4, (4 on Aug. 10) (Griscom et al); only about 10 in Agawam race-track on July 16 and Aug. 10 (Eliot); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 10 (Emerson).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: Muscongus Bay, Me., Aug. 1 (Aud. Nat. Camp); 2, Rye Harbor, N. H., Aug. 6 (Wright); unusually common in Conn. valley since July 16 (Eliot); 1 at Chatham, Aug. 8 (Griscom), rare there.
- WESTERN WILLET: 3, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 25 (Aud. Nat. Camp); 11 Plum I., July 30, 30 in the 1st. week of Aug. (Safford); steadily present in small nos. at Chatham (Griscom et al); 1, Nantucket, Aug. 15 (Allen).
- GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: 2 west of Brattleboro, Vt., July 17 (Madeira); 2 at Hadley, July 30 (Eliot); there are almost no prior valley records for July; max. no. at Chatham, 130 week-end of July 31 (Griscom et al).
- LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: 520, Essex Co., Aug. 4 (Griscom and Curtis); quite common in Conn. valley since July 23, maximum together 10, Aug. 6 (Eliot); 40, Little Compton, R. I., July 15, 5, July 29 (Emerson).
- KNOT: Muscongus Bay, Me., July 25 (Aud. Nat. Camp); peak at Chatham, 960 week-end of July 31 (Griscom et al); 1, Little Compton, R. I., July 29 (Emerson); Saybrook, Conn., Aug. 2 (Remington), rare in the Sound.
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: Muscongus Bay, Me., July 25-28 (Audubon Nature Camp).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: in early flight max. of 50 birds in Essex Co., Aug. 4 (Griscom and Curtis); 2, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 16 (Aud. Nat. Camp); 4 at Pittsfield, July 25 (Hendricks); at Hadley beginning July 27, 8 on Aug. 9 (Eliot et al); Chilmark, July 13 (Wakeman); 2, Monomoy, July 23 (Griscom et al), early; several Little Compton, R. I., July 14-29 (Emerson); Saybrook, Conn., July 25 (Remington).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1st. at Nauset, July 30 (Bagg); Chilmark, Aug. 2, unusually many since (Wakeman).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 1, Hog I., Me., July 19, 1st. Camp record; 1 in full breeding plumage, Monomoy, July 16 (Griscom et al); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 7 (Drury).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: very common in Conn. valley from July 16 on (Eliot); 125 at Chatham, week-end of July 17 (Griscom et al); 300 plus, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 7 (Drury).
- RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 1, apparently oiled, at n. end of Plum I., July 19 (Eliot, Kraus, Madeira); 1, Newburyport, Aug. 10 (Griscom).
- DOWITCHER: 300 plus, Essex Co., Aug. 4; at Chatham peak of flight on week-end of July 31, 1500 (Griscom, Curtis et al).

- STILT SANDPIPER: 1 ad., W. Newbury, Aug. 4 (Griscom and Curtis); 2, Plum I. Aug. 7 (Safford); 1, Sagamore Beach, Aug. 4 (N.P. Hill); 4, Monomoy, (1 in full breeding plumage) July 16, 3, July 30 (Griscom et al); 6, Nantucket, July 26 (Allen); 6, Little Compton, R. I., July 30 - Aug. 11 (Emerson); 1, Concord, Aug. 6 (Eaton).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER: Hog. I., Me., July 25 and Aug. 8, 1st. record for Aud. Nat. Camp; 1, Newburyport, Aug. 4 (Griscom and Curtis); 5 at Chatham week-end of July 24, 4 week-end of July 31 (Griscom et al); 1, Jamestown, R. I., July 21 (Clark); 1, Little Compton, July 29 (Emerson).
- SANDERLING: 4, Plum I., July 19 (Eliot); 1, Monomoy, July 16, 2600 at Chatham, week-end of Aug. 14 (Griscom et al); 1st. at Chilmark, July 23 (Wakeman).
- RED PHALAROPE: 11, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 13, 5, July 23 (Aud. Nat. Camp); 2 in breeding plumage off Chatham, Aug. 12 (Griscom et al).
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE: migration in full force seen crossing between Eastport, Me. and St. Andrews on July 27, even in fog several 100, 000 were seen; this is the great concentration area on the Atlantic side of the New World; 1 off Chatham, July 24 (Griscom et al), earliest date for Mass.; far fewer than last year off the Mass. coast.
- POMERINE JAEGER: 1 at sea off Chatham, July 24, 1 ad., Aug. 8; 1 imm. off beach at Chatham, Aug. 1 (Griscom, Curtis et al); 1, Middletown, R. I., July 31 (Drury); 2, Warren, R. I., Aug. 14 (Bowen).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 2, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 16, 1, Aug. 8 and 14 (Aud. Nat. Camp); 2 or 3 off Chatham, July 24, 1 ad. and 1 ?, Aug. 8 off Chatham, 1 at Monomoy, July 30 (Griscom et al); 6 or 8, Warren, R. I., Aug. 14 (Bowen).
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 1 imm. flew over and around the boat 10 miles off Chatham, excellent comparison with a Parasitic, July 24 (Griscom et al).
- GLAUCOUS AND ICELAND GULLS: the birds reported at Nauset on May 31 have remained all summer (numerous observers).
- RING BILLED GULL: 1, Hog I., Me., July 30, the 1st. record for Aud. Nat. Camp; 6 arrived at Chatham, July 16; 120 at Chatham on Aug. 12, the maximum number ever recorded there in one day (Griscom et al); 1 imm. at N. Westport, July 31 (Clement).
- LAUGHING GULL: 3, Carver, 9 miles from salt water, July 30 (Bagg + Eliot).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: sev. summered at Nauset; 1st. at Nantucket, Aug. 7 (Allen).
- LEAST TERN: 1 at Popham Beach, Me. (Cadbury), unusual so far north.
- BLACK TERN: 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., July 23 (Aud. Nat. Camp); sev. at Isles of Shoals, Aug. 4 (Collins); 1, Essex Co., Aug. 10 (Emilio); 4 arrived at Monomoy, July 30, 16 were present on Aug. 6 (Griscom et al); 1, Pocasset, Aug. 7 (N.P. Hill); 4 ads., Little Compton, R.I., July 23-26, 2 imm. Aug. 2-7 (Emerson).
- RAZOR-BILLED AUK: 1, Muscongus Bay, Me., Aug. 1 (Aud. Nat. Camp); 1 again summering on Menemsha Pond, Martha's Vineyard, can fly well (Eliot).
- BLACK GUILLEMOT: young left nests in Muscongus Bay, Me. during period.
- PUFFIN: Muscongus Bay, Me., July 23; Little Green I., July 25-27 (Aud. Nat. Camp).
- BARN OWL: 10 young were raised in last year's shed in Chilmark, said to have been used since 1912; on the n.w. side of Martha's Vineyard there is another pair (Worden and Eliot).
- SAW-WHET OWL: 2 calling in Princeton, July 25 (Kraus).
- NIGHTHAWK: evidences of early fall flight; flocks at Holderness, N. H., Aug. 15 (Henderson), Hancock, N. H., Aug. 14 (Perkins), Northampton, Aug. 8 (Bagg).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: certainly 50, possibly 100 have been daily visitors at Mr. Webster's in Holderness, N. H.; a nest in S. Amherst had eggs on July 23, young on Aug. 6 (Eliot).

- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1 ad. and 1 imm., 5 miles w. of Middlebury, Vt., July 30 (Riedel).
- AMERICAN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER: 1 half-way down Mt. Washington, July 30 (Mrs. Mills); 1, Sutton I., Me., Aug. 6 (Wright).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: a wave at Hog I., Me., Aug. 5 (Aud. Nat. Camp); 1, Northampton, Aug. 13 with other migrants brought by two cool nights (Eliot).
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: breeders at Hog I., Me. left during period; migrant at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 9 (Smith).
- PURPLE MARTIN: increased flock at Laconia, N. H., at least 60 prs. (Dunlap); 1 pr. still feeding young in S. Carver, July 30 (Bagg); in the previous Bulletin a mistake was made, 4 ads. were seen at Conway, Mass., not N. H. on July 7.
- WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1, Hog I., Me., Aug. 5, rare there (Aud. Nat. C.).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1, Northampton, Aug. 13 (Eliot).
- MOCKINGBIRD: 1, Chilmark, Aug. 10 (Wakeman).
- WHITE-EYED VIREO: still at Longmeadow, Aug. 10 (Eliot); S. Windsor, Conn. July 22 and Aug. 5 (Holcomb).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: female at Northampton, Aug. 12, the 1st. one Mr. Eliot ever saw in that region after June.
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: female at Northampton, Aug. 13, the 1st. August record for the Conn. valley (Eliot); 2, Hartford, Conn., Aug. 6 (MacDavid).
- BREWSTER'S WARBLER: 1 in perfect plumage, Northampton, Aug. 14 (Allison and Eliot).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1st. since June 6 in Northampton, Aug. 13 (Eliot).
- MYRTLE WARBLER: singing, doubtless nesting, at very low elevations in Leverett, July 17 (Eliot).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: half-grown 2nd. brood found at Wells River, Vt. on July 29 (Smith).
- NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: Hog I., Me., Aug. 6 and 14 (Aud. Nat. Camp).
- LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: 1, Easthampton, July 27-29 (Riedel).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1, n. w. side of Martha's Vineyard, July 2 (Wake-man); 1 in Agawam, July 13 (Stebbins); 1 imm. at Longmeadow breeding-ground on Aug. 10 (Eliot).
- CANADA WARBLER: migrants in Northampton, Aug. 13 - 15 (Eliot).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: pr. seen throughout July in S. Hadley (Lovell Smith).
- EASTERN CARDINAL: ad. at Jamestown, R. I., July 13 (A. M. Clark).
- PINE GROSBEAK: 1, Hog I., Me., July 28 (Dr. Borror).
- PINE SISKIN: many in N. E. Harbor, Me., July 16-26; a few in S. Brooks-ville in early Aug. (K. Tousey); 1 at Aud. Nat. Camp on Aug. 13.
- RED CROSSBILL: 1 imm. male at Sutton's I., Me., Aug. 6 (Mrs. Mills).
- WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: abundant all along Me. coast in Penobscot Bay and Mt. Desert (K. Tousey); singing flocks common at Aud. Nat. Camp.
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 2 sang at W. Newbury on July 19 (Madeira, Eliot and Kraus); 1 singing male still there July (Griscom and Emilio); the 1st. in 21 years in Essex County.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1, Hog I., Me., Aug. 13-14 (Aud. Nat. Camp); Mr. Allen Moses saw 1 feeding young out of nest in Grand Manan.
- EASTERN LARK SPARROW: 1, Monhegan, Me., Aug. 14 (Sprunt, Conkey, and Mrs. Cruikshank), very accidental visitor.
- SNOW BUNTING: on Little Green I., Me., July 19 (Aud. Nat. Camp).

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The most outstanding feature of the period has been the pleasing and unusual spectacle in this part of the country of many fresh water ducks, especially the large numbers of Blue-winged Teal, constituting the biggest flight since 1882.

The Shore-bird migration is practically over. A few of the rarer species, such as the two Godwits, appeared in the month.

Migration of land birds as a whole has been early. At the same time, however, certain individuals of other species have been seen later than usual. A decided wave at Carry Pond, Me. on August 27 brought land birds with many common warblers. There were waves at Bath, Me. on September 2 and 9, a marked wave in Essex Co., Mass. on August 25 after a northwest wind. A general wave in eastern Mass. September 9 and 10 after northwest wind brought several uncommon migrants, such as Philadelphia Vireos and Connecticut Warblers, along with many commoner ones.

More Southern Herons were seen after August 15 than before with a decided preponderance of Little Blues over Egrets in Mass. and Rhode Island.

There was Hawk migration over Wells River, Vt. on September 5.

We are now looking for possible exciting birds brought north by the hurricane.

Juliet Richardson

COMMON LOON: 1st. Plum I., Aug. 28; Monomoy, Aug. 19; Holyoke, Sept. 11, previous earliest in region, Sept. 18.

PIED-BILLED GREBE: 1, Carry Pd., Me., Aug. 29, rare there (Bagg); 4, Ipswich, Aug. 17 (Griscom et al); Monomoy, Sept. 2 (Curtis); M. Vineyard, Aug. 31 (Worden); 14, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 28 (Drury).

SOOTY SHEARWATER: 1 off Gloucester, Sept. 5 (Harrod); 2, Monomoy, Sept. 10 (Griscom); 1, Middletown, R. I., Sept. 3 (Drury).

GREATER SHEARWATER: 1 off Chatham, Aug. 29 and Sept. 3 (Griscom et al).

CORY'S SHEARWATER: 200 Shearwaters off Monomoy, 90% Cory's, Aug. 31 (Hagar et al), common thereafter; common Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 13-16 (Emerson).

GANNET: 1, Essex Co., Sept. 1; 1 imm., Monomoy, Aug. 19, 1 ad., Sept. 10 (Griscom et al).

EUROPEAN CORMORANT: 2 off Marblehead, Aug. 20 (Curtis), earliest date.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: common at Squibnocket from Aug. 19; 2 records of single birds at Chatham where rare; common at Little Compton, R.I. since Aug. 23.

AM. EGRET: in small nos. in Mass.

LITTLE BLUE HERON: a good many noted in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 1 in Marshfield during period (Hagar).

LEAST BITTERN: 1 in Heartbreak Pd., Ipswich, Sept. 3 (Brookline Bird Club); seen at Wayland and Concord in period (Eaton and Maynard); 2 in Paxton, Aug. 21 (Kraus); probably a newly discovered breeding ground along Turkey Brook in Worcester Co. (Eliot); S. Windsor, Conn. (MacDavid).

MALLARD: an unusual no.; 1, Wenham, Sept. 1 (Touseys); 1, Dedham, Aug. 30 (Allen); 20, Wayland, Sept. 14 (Griscom and Cottrells).

- COMMON BLACK DUCK: good nos. throughout; 800, Wayland, Sept. 14 (Griscom and Cottrells).
- EUROPEAN WIDGEON: drake with Baldpates on Squibnocket Pd., Sept. 5 (Eliot).
- BALDPATE: general early arrival in very small nos.; 1, Wenham, Sept. 1 (Griscom and Touseys), earliest ever; 2 at Squibnocket, Sept. 2, at least 8, Sept. 5 (Eliot); 2, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 25 (Emerson).
- PINTAIL: unusual no. so early; Washington, N. H., Sept. 3 (Allen); 1, Ipswich, Aug. 17, record date, 20, Wayland, Sept. 14 (Griscom et al); 5, Pittsfield, Sept. 12 (Hendricks); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 7 (Emerson).
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL: general early arrival; 3, Ipswich, Aug. 17 (Griscom et al); a few mixed with Blue-wings, Dedham, Aug. 30 (Allen); 50, Wayland, Sept. 14 (Griscom et al); 1 at Squibnocket, Aug. 23, 6, Sept. 2 (Eliot); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 24 (Emerson).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: extraordinarily abundant; 200 max. in 1 day, Essex Co. (Griscom et al); 400, Concord, 100, Wayland, Sept. 10 (Eaton); 100, Falmouth, Sept. 7-14 (Jones); 98, Monomoy, Aug. 28 (Griscom et al); 14, Squibnocket, Aug. 23, 100 + Sept. 5 (Eliot).
- SHOVELLER: 1, Rowley, Sept. 5 (Batchelder).
- WOOD DUCK: 2 at Squibnocket, Sept. 2, apparently rare on Vineyard (Eliot).
- LESSER SCAUP: drake at Squibnocket, Aug. 23 and Sept. 2 (Eliot).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: heavy flight of Scoters off Plum I., Sept. 8 (Safford); 1st. at Monomoy, Aug. 19; 1st. at Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 30; 1000, Narragansett Bay, Sept. 10 (Gibbs).
- SURF SCOTER: 1st. W. Gloucester, Aug. 31 (Robbins); 1st. at Squibnocket, Sept. 5 (Eliot); 100 plus, Monomoy, Sept. 11 (Griscom), most unusual.
- AM. SCOTER: 75, W. Gloucester, Aug. 31 (Robbins); 10, Monomoy, Aug. 28.
- RUDDY DUCK: 1 on Squibnocket, Sept. 2 (Eliot).
- HOODED Merganser: 1 imm., Carry Pd., Me., Aug. 25 (Bagg); 2, Ipswich, Aug. 25 and Sept. 1 (Griscom et al); 1 female, Wayland, Sept. 5, 2 drakes, Sept. 9 (L. Morgan); 1, W. Roxbury, Sept. 5 (Allen).
- GOSHAWK: a young bird shot at S. Athol, Aug. 23 near where a pr. regularly breeds. (Allison).
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: migrant Gap Mt., N. H., Sept. 4 (Slade); Morris I., Sept. 6 (Griscom); M. Vineyard, Sept. 5 (Eliot).
- COOPER'S HAWK: 1st. at M. Vineyard, Sept. 3 (Eliot), Monomoy, Sept. 10 (Griscom); Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 9 (Emerson).
- RED-TAILED HAWK: a few very early migrants; 1, Carry Pd., Me., Aug. 27 (Bagg); 1 imm., Wenham, Sept. 1, 1 ad., Morris I., Sept. 6 (Griscom et al); 2, Northampton, Sept. 10, 1, Longmeadow, Sept. 11 (Eliot); 10 over Mt. Tom, Sept. 11 (Forbes and Slade).
- RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: 2 over Gay Head, Sept. 2 (Eliot), unusual.
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 1st. migrant at Plum I., Sept. 10 (Aud. Soc.); Monomoy, Sept. 2 (Curtis); Conn. valley Sept. 8, many Sept. 10 (Eliot).
- S. BALD EAGLE: Chatham, Aug. 20 (Griscom); Northampton, Aug. 30 (Lewis); S. Windsor, Conn., Sept. 3 (MacDavid).
- OSPREY: a few birds on outer Cape and the Vineyard, where very uncommon; frequent reports in Conn. valley since Aug. 30.
- DUCK HAWK: Plum I., Sept. 5-7 (Safford); Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 25 and 28 (Drury).
- PIGEON HAWK: Carry Pd., Me., Aug. 30 (Bagg); Monomoy, Sept. 2 (Curtis); M. Vineyard, Aug. 28 (Wakeman); Northampton, Sept. 11 (Weeks).
- CANADA SPRUCE GROUSE: brood of 8 and hen, Cannon Mt., Franconia Notch, N. H., Aug. 19 (Henderson); seen frequently at Passaconaway, this summer (Pratt).
- BOB-WHITE: covey in Essex, Aug. 22 (Curtis).

NORTHERN CLAPPER RAIL: Hammonasset, Conn., Aug. 28 (Holcomb).
VIRGINIA RAIL: 1, Grand Manan I., Aug. 18 (Bagg and Conkey).
SORA: migrants at Squibnocket, Aug. 29 and Sept. 5 (Eliot).
FLORIDA GALLINULE: 5-6, Bath, Me., Sept. 14 (French); 4, Hartford, Conn., Sept. 3-14 (Hunt).
PIPING PLOVER: last at Chilmark, Sept. 5 (Wakeman); 2, Quonnochohtaug, R. I., Sept. 11 (Clement).
GOLDEN PLOVER: Annisquam, Sept. 6 and 13 (K. Tousey); about 25, more adult than young, at Wayland, Sept. 8 and 10 (Eliot, Kraus et al); 1st. at Monomoy, Sept. 4, Chilmark, Aug. 23 (Griscom and Wakeman); 1st. at Nantucket, Aug. 28, max. of 13 on Sept. 5, less than last year (H. Allen); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 24 (Emerson); 1, Fairfield, Conn., Sept. 2, 6, and 11 (A. A. Saunders).
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 300, Ipswich, Sept. 1; heavy flight on outer Cape, max. of 2200 week-end of Aug. 21.
RUDDY TURNSTONE: 1, Wayland, Aug. 30 (Bergstrom), unusual inland record.
WOODCOCK: 15 in one "chopping" in Huntington, Aug. 28 (Bates).
WILSON'S SNIBE: Wayland, Sept. 8 (Eliot).
HUDSONIAN CURLEW: 57, outer Cape, Sept. 4 (Griscom); not as plentiful as last year on Nantucket; 1, Meig's Pt., Conn., Aug. 24 (Meigs).
UPLAND PLOVER: Plum I., Sept. 11 (Safford), late; Eastham, Aug. 26 (Hagar).
SOLITARY SANDPIPER: exceptional nos. in eastern Mass.
WESTERN WILLET: 2, Annisquam, Aug. 18 (K. Tousey); max. of 12 on outer Cape week-end of Aug. 21; 1, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 24 and 26 (Emerson); 2, Black Pt., Conn., Aug. 31 (Poor).
EASTERN WILLET: 1, Nauset, Aug. 21, 2, Sept. 5, 1 collected (Griscom).
KNOT: 60, Ipswich Beach, Sept. 1 (Griscom and Touseys); 3, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 24 (Emerson).
PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 21, Nantucket, Sept. 13 (H. Allen).
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1st. at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 28 (Smith); 19, Essex Co., Sept. 1; 1, Wayland, Sept. 10 (Kraus); 18, outer Cape, week-end of Sept. 4; good flight at Little Compton, R. I., fairly common on Vineyard.
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: several reports; 1, Framingham, Aug. 27-30 (Touseys et al); 2, Monomoy Pt., Sept. 10 (Griscom); 1, Nauset, Aug. 26 (Bishop); 1, Chilmark, Aug. 20 (Wakeman); 1, Quonnochohtaug, R. I., Sept. 1 (Clement); 1, Little Compton, R.I., Aug. 27 - Sept. 7 (Emerson).
RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 1, Monomoy, Sept. 11 (Griscom); 1, Chilmark, Aug. 23 (Wakeman); Meig's Pt., Conn., Aug. 25 (Holcomb).
DOWITCHER: 2, Framingham, Aug. 24 (Kraus).
STILT SANDPIPER: 4 reports from Mass., max. no. 9, Monomoy, Aug. 19 (Griscom et al); 5, Little Compton, R. I., Aug. 24 (Emerson).
WESTERN SANDPIPER: more along Mass. coast than ever before, max. no. 30 at Monomoy week-end of Sept. 11 (Griscom et al); surprisingly many, Framingham, Sept. 1 (Eliot).
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 1, Chilmark, Sept. 3 (Wakeman).
MARBLED GODWIT: 2 in marsh by Austin Station, Eastham, week of Aug. 21. (Mrs. Howe); 1, E. Orleans, Aug. 27, 1, Nauset, Sept. 5 on (Griscom et al).
HUDSONIAN GODWIT: unusual no. of reports; 1, Plum I., Sept. 5 (F. Smith) and 1 there, Sept. 11 (Haven Parkers); 1, Dennis, Aug. 28 (A. Morgan); 1, Monomoy, Sept. 9 (N. P. Hill); 1, Chilmark, Aug. 28-29 (Eliot).
RED PHALAROPE: 1, Chilmark, Sept. 6 (Wakeman and Emerson).
WILSON'S PHALAROPE: very rare visitor; 1, Framingham sewer beds, Aug. 27 (Touseys), still present Sept. 1 (Kraus); 1, Monomoy, Sept. 11 (Griscom and Bishop).
NORTHERN PHALAROPE: 100 off Manchester, Aug. 3 (Curtis); 1, Fairfield Beach, Conn., Sept. 6 (A. Saunders).

- PARASITIC JAEGER: exceptionally heavy flight off outer Cape; 7 noted at Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 3-16 (Drury and Emerson).
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER: it is most unusual to see this pelagic species from land; 1, close to beach at E. Orleans, Aug. 27 (Griscom et al); 1 nearly full adult right off Monomoy Beach, Sept. 11 (Griscom and Bishop); 1, Chilmark, Sept. 14 (Wakeman).
- HERRING GULL: 1, Agawam, Sept. 11 (Eliot), early.
- RING-BILLED GULL: a great many, Saybrook, Conn., Aug. 19 (Remington).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 1 imm., Phillipston, Sept. 4 (Allison), rare in valley; 2, New London, Conn., Aug. 27 (Poor); 1, Saybrook, Aug. 29, many on Aug. 30 (Remington), rare in region.
- KITTIWAKE: 1 imm. seen from boat between Eastport, Me. and Grand Manan, Aug. 16 (Bagg and Conkey); 1 imm. at Fairfield-Bridgeport line, Conn., Sept. 11 seen chasing a Green Heron (A. A. Saunders), most unusual record.
- FORSTER'S TERN: 1 imm., Chatham, Aug. 15 (Griscom); 1, Chilmark, Aug. 22 and Sept. 5 (Wakeman).
- ARCTIC TERN: 1, Menemsha, Aug. 26 (Eliot), late.
- LEAST TERN: last at Monomoy, Sept. 10; at Chilmark, Sept. 6.
- CASPIAN TERN: 1, Chatham, Sept. 10 (Griscom).
- BLACK TERN: remarkably common on Vineyard, 2 still at Chilmark, Sept. 12.
- MOURNING DOVE: 1, Edgecomb, Me., Sept. 6 (Buchheister).
- SHORT-E. RED OWL: 2, Plum I., Sept. 7 (Safford); 1, S. Harwich, Aug. 25 (Bishop); 1, Monomoy, Aug. 30 (Curtis).
- SAW-WHET OWL: 1, Miles River, Essex Co., Aug. 25 (Emilio).
- NIGHTHAWK: migration at Carry Pd., Me. Aug. 21-22, last there and at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 30; marked migration in Essex Co. on Aug. 25; flight dates in Conn. valley Aug. 17 - Sept. 11, peak on Aug. 30.
- CHIMNEY SWIFT: last at Carry Pd., Me. on Aug. 30; last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 10, late; Milton, Sept. 11; peak nos. in Conn. valley on Aug. 15.
- HUMMINGBIRD: last at Barre, Vt., Sept. 1; Carry Pd., Me. Sept. 9; young still in nest at Stonington, Conn., Aug. 28 (Rinehart).
- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1 in N. Amherst, Sept. 4 (Miss Parsons).
- KINGBIRD: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 11, late; marked migration in east. Mass. Aug. 17, heavy Aug. 25; 1, Waltham, Sept. 6; probable last date in Conn. valley, Sept. 11; probable last in Vineyard, Sept. 14; 2, Quonnochoaug, R. I., Sept. 11 (Clement).
- CRESTED FLYCATCHER: last in Belmont, Sept. 11 (Robbins), latest local date; 1, Northampton, Sept. 10 (Eliot), late.
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: 1, Carry Pd., Me., Aug. 28 (Bagg); 1st. at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 8 (Smith); 1, Cambridge, Sept. 9 (Griscom); 4, Morris I. and Monomoy, Sept. 9 and 10 (Griscom and Hill).
- ALDER FLYCATCHER: last at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 28 (Smith); Carry Pd., Me., Sept. 5 (Bagg); migrant at W. Newbury, Aug. 25 (Griscom and Emilio).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: last at Ossipee, N. H., Aug. 25 (Pratt), late; last at Belmont, Sept. 11 (Robbins); 1, Morris I., Aug. 28 (Curtis); 4, Morris I. and Monomoy, Sept. 10 (Griscom).
- WOOD PEWEE: last at Carry Pd., Me., Sept. 3; Barre Vt., Sept. 10; last at Belmont, Sept. 11, left nest in Wellesley Hills, Sept. 6 (Puffer); very late; pr. of ads. at Morris I. feeding 2 young just fledged, Sept. 6 (Griscom and Bishop); migration on outer Cape Aug. 29 and Sept. 10.
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: last at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 20 (Smith); last at Carry Pd., Me., Aug. 27 (Bagg); 1, Longmeadow, Sept. 11, pretty late, 1, Gay Head, Aug. 26 (Eliot).

TREE SWALLOW: spectacular migration on Aug. 25, 10,000 over Clark's Pd., Ipswich (Griscom and Emilio).

BANK SWALLOW: 1, Ipswich, Aug. 25 (Griscom and Emilio); on Sept. 7, 1 at Hadley (Madeira) and Chilmark (Wakeman).

BARN SWALLOW: sev. 1000, Carry Pd., Me., Aug. 26; last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 10, late; heavy migration in Essex Co., Aug. 25.

CLIFF SWALLOW: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 10, late; Plum I., Sept. 11; 2, Squibnocket, Sept. 5; sev. Hadley, Sept. 7.

PURPLE MARTIN: 1, Carry Pd., Me., Aug. 23 (Bagg); 2, Princeton, Aug. 15, 1, Aug. 16; 3, Kingston, Aug. 21 (Robbins).

CANADA JAY: 3, Carry Pd., Me., Aug. 26 (Bagg).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1st. at Belmont and Waltham on Sept. 9; 2, Morris I., Sept. 6; 2 or 3 in Northampton, Sept. 10.

BROWN CREEPER: 1, Morris I., Sept. 11 (Griscom), early.

WINTER WREN: 2 very early arrivals; Brookline, Sept. 8 (Richardson); Belmont, Sept. 12 (Robbins).

MOCKINGBIRD: 2, Plum I., Aug. 21-23 (Safford); 1, Chatham, Sept. 3 (Bishop); 1, Saybrook, Conn., Aug. 30 (Remington).

BROWN THRASHER: nest with 3 eggs, 1 just hatched young, as late as Aug. 16 in Williamsburg (Graves).

OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: 1, S. Harwich, Sept. 15 (Bishop), early.

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: 1st. at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 2 (Smith); Gilman-ton, N. H., Sept. 14 (Abbott); 1, probable Bicknell's, at Boxford, Aug. 25 (Griscom and Emilio), earliest record.

VEERY: left Barre, Vt., Sept. 9 (Mrs. Drew). Longmeadow, Sept. 11.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: very early arrivals; Carry Pd., Me., Sept. 6; Wells River, Vt., Sept. 9; Waltham, Sept. 9; Morris I., Sept. 10.

PIPIT: very early arrivals; Albany, N. H., Aug. 26 (Lincoln); Wayland, Sept. 10 (Kraus); 4, Monomoy, Sept. 10 (Griscom); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 15 (Emerson).

MIGRANT SHRIKE: 1, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 14 (Emerson).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 2 or 3 singing in Longmeadow and Agawam, Sept. 11 (Eliot).

BLUE-HEADED VIREO: very early arrivals; Belmont, Sept. 11 (Robbins); Longmeadow, Sept. 11, Williamsburg, Sept. 12 (Eliot); Hartford, Conn., Sept. 11 (MacDavid).

RED-EYED VIREO: 1 ad. feeding a yg. bird at Barre, Vt., Sept. 5, ads. seen up to Sept. 12 (Drew); 1 yg. bird in partly juvenal plumage being fed in W. Brookfield, Sept. 15 (Eliot), late.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 2, Carry Pd., Me., Aug. 27 (Bagg); on Sept. 9, 1 in Cambridge (Griscom) and 1 in S. Harwich (Bishop); 1, Morris I., Sept. 11 (Griscom).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1, Waltham, Sept. 2 (Bergstrom), very late.

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 2 or 3 in Longmeadow, Sept. 11, latest valley date (Eliot); 1, Hartford, Conn., Aug. 28 (MacDavid).

TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1st. at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 2 (Smith); Carry Pd., Me., Sept. 5 (Bagg); Cambridge, Sept. 8 (Griscom); Belmont, Sept. 9 and 10 (Robbins); a few in transient flocks in valley, Sept. 10 + 11 (Eliot).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 1, Nauset, Aug. 26 (Bishop); 1, Monomoy, Sept. 9 (Hill), both extraordinarily early.

NASHVILLE WARBLER: general wave in Massachusetts Sept. 8 - 11.

PARULA WARBLER: 1st. in Belmont, Sept. 8 (Robbins); 2, Hartford, Conn., Sept. 10 (MacDavid).

YELLOW WARBLER: 3 or 4 in Longmeadow, Sept. 11, remarkably late (Eliot).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER: W. Newbury, Aug. 25 (Griscom and Emilio); in big wave 15 seen on Monomoy, Sept. 10 (Griscom); 1, Little Compton, R.I., Sept. 10 (Emerson).

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- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 in Wells River, Vt., Aug. 29 (Smith); 1 male at Carry Rd., Me., Sept. 6 (Bagg); 1 imm. at Monomoy, Sept. 4 and Morris I., Sept. 10 (Griscom et al); 1, W. Brookfield, Sept. 15 (Eliot).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1, Plum I., Sept. 11 (Mass. Aud. Soc.); 1, Morris I., Sept. 5 (Griscom), very early; 3, Northampton, Sept. 10 (Eliot).
- MYRTLE WARBLER: 1st. Belmont, Sept. 11 (Robbins), early; 1, Morris I., Sept. 10 (Griscom); 1, W. Brookfield, Sept. 15 (Eliot).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: exceptional no. of fall records; 3, Boxford, Aug. 25 (Griscom); marked flight in Mass. Sept. 9-11; 1, Morris I., Sept. 10 (Bishop).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: arrived at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 27 (Smith); Boxford, Aug. 25 (Griscom + Emilio); Sept. 10 at Belmont + Morris I.
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 1st. at Carry Pd., Me. Aug. 28; Sept. 2 at Wells R. + Cambridge; general arrival in Mass. Sept. 9 - 11.
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: obvious migration at Chatham Aug. 29; 1, Longmeadow, Sept. 11; 1, W. Brookfield, Sept. 15 (Eliot).
- WESTERN PALM WARBLER: 1, Nauset, Sept. 7 (Kraus); 1, Morris I., 1, Monomoy, Sept. 10 (Griscom); 3, Still River, Sept. 11 (Harrod).
- YELLOW PALM WARBLER: arrived at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 18 (Smith), very early; 1, Sagamore Highlands, Sept. 14 (Hill).
- OVEN-BIRD: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 4; Northampton, Sept. 12.
- NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: Edgartown, Sept. 1 (Worden); Morris I., Sept. 10 (Griscom); Northampton and Longmeadow, Sept. 10 and 11 (Eliot).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: on Sept. 9, 1 at Manchester (Curtis) and Morris I. (Hill); Sept. 10 at Belmont (Robbins), 2 at Morris I. (Griscom).
- MOURNING WARBLER: last at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 16; 2, Monomoy, Sept. 4 (Griscom), 1, Sept. 9 (Hill; 1 imm., Longmeadow, Sept. 11 (Eliot).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1st. at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 30; flight in Mass. Sept. 9 - 10; 12, Morris I. + Monomoy Sept. 10 (Griscom).
- CANADA WARBLER: several in Marblehead, Sept. 9 (Dreyfus).
- BOBOLINK: last at Wells River Sept. 8; heavy migration near Boston, Aug. 25-6; 3, Monomoy, Sept. 10 (Griscom).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: accidental visitor; 1 ad. female in Monomoy marshes, Aug. 25 (Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. MacLay).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: last in Athol Sept. 3, Morris I., Sept. 6.
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 2, Carry Pd., Me., Aug. 25 (Bagg); 1st. at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 9 (Smith).
- RED CROSSBILL: common at Albany, N. H. after Aug. 1 (Lincoln).
- WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: apparently all over forested areas in Maine where spruce, fir and cedars prevail, due chiefly to extra heavy cone crop; common to abundant in Albany, N. H. (Lincoln); also seen in smaller nos. in Hermit Lake, Martin's Location + Pinkham Notch, N.H.
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 1, Chilmark, Aug. 22 (the 2nd. Mrs. Wakeman has ever seen there).
- SEASIDE SPARROW: fewer than in last 2 summers at Chilmark Pd. (Wakeman).
- JUNCO: 1, Mt. Tom, Sept. 5 (Madeira); 1, Northampton, Sept. 10 (Eliot).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: very early arrival; Cambridge, Sept. 9 (Richardson); Morris I., Sept. 8, Northampton, Sept. 9 (Kraus and Eliot).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: Martin's Location, N. H., Sept. 12, 14, 15 (Touseys); 1, Northampton, Sept. 10 (Eliot).

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Our climate is seldom monotonous. This was proved conclusively on the afternoon of September 21 when the worst hurricane ever known in this region struck New England, sweeping down almost everything before it, especially at Narragansett and Buzzards Bays. Conifers and hardwoods have been felled, leaving veritable Winter Wren paradises in large sections of New Hampshire and Vermont. The only compensation that we have for the heartrending loss of trees is the ornithological excitement of records of several pelagic species blown inland by the wind. The most notable of these are: 3 Yellow-billed Tropic-birds in Vermont; a Greater Shearwater in Vermont and 1 in western Mass.; a Gannet in Vermont; several Leach's Petrels in Vermont and western Mass.; 3 Black Skimmers at Monomoy. But that is not enough to make up for the destruction.

There was a big wave of warblers in eastern Mass. on Sept. 25. The continued warm weather since that time has produced no waves. There were waves in the Connecticut valley Sept. 23-6, Oct. 1-3.

The heavy rains in September before the hurricane filled ponds and meadows, spoiling the early heavy flight of fresh-water ducks.

Mr. Hagar has been following the Scoter flight off Brant Rock, Scituate. I quote from him: "I have now little doubt that the number of Surf Scoters this fall is far above ordinary, since all informed gunners comment on it. On Sept. 29 American Scoters ran about 40% of birds near enough to identify specifically, Surf Scoters 35% and White-wings 25%. During early Oct., Surf Scoters were daily far in the lead, with Americans second and White-wings slowly creeping up. Since Oct. 15, White-wings have led with Americans down". He has made rough estimates of the total number of Scoters passing within three miles of shore from Brant Rock as follows: for the week ending Sept. 10, 700; week ending Sept. 17, 1900; week ending Sept. 24, 3500; week ending Oct. 1, 22,650; week ending Oct. 8, 42,600; week ending Oct. 15, 8,300; 3 days to Oct. 18 inc., 11,850.

Juliet Richardson

COMMON LOON: 1 on reservoir, Williamsburg-Whateley, Sept. 16-25 (Eliot).

PACIFIC LOON: 1 off tip of Monomoy Pt., an adult still in partial breeding plumage, Oct. 2 (Griscom, Garrison, Bishop); still present Oct. 9 (Cottrells and Richardson).

RED-THROATED LOON: 2, Plum I., Oct. 9 (Griscom et al); 1, Holyoke, Oct. 2 (Eliot), very rare in region.

HORNED GREBE: 1st. at Plum I., Oct. 8 (Safford).

PIED-BILLED GREBE: much scarcer than normally in Conn. valley.

SOOTY SHEARWATER: 1, Monomoy, Sept. 18 (Griscom et al).

GREATER SHEARWATER: 1 found at Rutland, Vt. after the storm (G. Ross); 6, Barnstable Neck, Sept. 15 (Hornblower); 1 picked up in Montgomery during or just after the hurricane on Sept. 21 with bill twisted so that the mandibles crossed (Cross); skin identified by Dr. Murphy in New York.

CORY'S SHEARWATER: common off Monomoy Pt. and in Nantucket Sound up to Oct. 12, obviously accounting for hurricane stragglers which follow: 1 was found alive in a chicken-yard in Wheelock, Vt., Sept. 23, taken to the St. Johnsbury Museum after it died where it is now mounted and on exhibition; 1st. record of this species for Vt.; 1 flew against a house in Huntington during the hurricane and crawled into the flooded cellar where it was still alive 4 days later (Cross); on Sept. 27 another was picked up alive, with a head wound, near the Peru-Hinsdale boundary and taken to the Pittsfield Museum.

LEACH'S PETREL: very rare in Vermont, 2 were found dead in St. Johnsbury after the storm, brought to the Museum, at present in the collection; 1 in Rutland, Sept. 22 (Ross); 1 picked up in Barre, Vt. in an exhausted condition, Sept. 22, died soon afterwards (Drew); 1 picked up dead at Bow, N. H., Sept. 23 (W. H. Colby); 1 on the Conn. River at Hanover, N. H., Sept. 22 (Weaver); many were blown into the Conn. valley on Sept. 21, several at Northampton (Eliot et al); on Sept. 22, 2 at Hadley (Eliot and Madeira), 1 at Holyoke (Bagg), several at Lake Congamond, Southwick (fide Bagg), 1 near Huntington-Montgomery boundary (Cross); 1, Pt. Judith, R. I., Sept. 29 (Dean).

YELLOW-BILLED TROPIC-BIRD: the most interesting ornithological result of the hurricane, a West-Indian species, formerly accidental only to New York and Nova Scotia; 1 was found alive on a farm in North Danville, Vt. by the family of Joseph McGill on Sept. 22; it was brought to the Fairbanks Museum at St. Johnsbury where it rested, drank and ate a little fish, but was found dead on the morning of the 24th; it has been mounted and is now in the Museum collection. Another was found in the woods at Adamant, near Barre, Vt. after the storm, sent to Boston by William C. Goss, identified at the Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard as this species. Another, probably also this species, was found in Woodstock, Vt. on Sept. 22 and given to Richard Larble who gave it to Richard Weaver, connected with the museum at Dartmouth College.

GANNET: 1st. record for Vermont; 1 imm. was found alive in the woods at E. Corinth, Vt. on Oct. 9 by Mr. E. O. Thompson. It is still alive, being kept by Mrs. Drew at Barre. It now eats small pieces of fish tossed to it, catching them in the air.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: heavy flight at Little Compton, R. I.

AM. EGRET: 2, Marshfield, Oct. 1 (Hagar); 1 at Holyoke, Sept. 24-5 (Eliot); 1, Quonochontaug, R. I. Oct. 12 (Dean); 1st. Little Compton, R. I. to end of period (Emerson); 2, E. Hampton, Conn., Oct. 2 (Holcomb).

LITTLE BLUE HERON: lingering very late; 1 ad. in Plum I. marshes, Oct. 9 (Brainerd); sev. at Marshfield, Oct. 1 (Hagar); 1 at S. Chatham, Oct. 11 (Bishop); last at Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 20 (Emerson).

GREEN HERON: W. Newbury, Oct. 8 (Garrison); Morris I., Oct. 2 (Griscom); Hadley, Oct. 12 (Eliot).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 2, if not 3 imm. at Marshfield up to at least Oct. 1 (Hagar); 1 imm. at Monomoy, Oct. 9 (Cottrells and Richardson).

AM. BITTERN: remarkably few in Conn. valley.

CANADA GOOSE: at Plum I., 75, Oct. 2; 25, Oct. 3; 35, Oct. 5 (Safford).

SNOW GOOSE: very rare migrant, 3 at Monomoy, Oct. 1 (Griscom & Garrison).

BALDPATE: 47, Poucha Pd., 30, Squibnocket, Sept. 16 (Atkins & Hornblower); 30, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 25, 300, Oct. 16 (Emerson).

PINTAIL: 3, Northampton, Sept. 29, 2, Oct. 7 (Eliot); 30 plus, Little Compton, R. I., Oct. 1 (Dean).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL: in normal nos. in Conn. valley, 1st. on Sept. 28.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: the heavy flight rapidly waned after Sept. 15.

SHOVELLER: 1 at Ipswich, Sept. 28 (Dr. Phillips); 1 duck at Clark's Pd., Ipswich, Oct. 2 (N. Hill).

RING-NECKED DUCK: 1, W. Newbury, Oct. 2 (Touseys), 4, Oct. 7 (Hagar).
GREATER SCAUP: 1, Plum I., Oct. 1 (Safford), 50, Newburyport, Oct. 9 (Griscom); 35, Monomsha, Sept. 19 (Hornblower).
SCAUP, presumably LESSER: 1 drake, 1 imm., W. Newbury, Oct. 9 (Griscom); 1 duck, Ashley Pd., Oct. 3, 2, Ludlow, Oct. 8 (Bagg).
AM. GOLDEN-EYE: 1, Plum I., Oct. 5 (Safford); 1, Quonochontaug, R.I., Oct. 12 (Dean).
BUFFLEHEAD: Plum I., Oct. 5 (Safford); 1 duck, Brewster, Sept. 18, none since (Bishop).
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 200, Monomoy, Oct. 1, 400, Oct. 2 (Griscom), sev. 1000 Oct. 9 (Cottrells & Richardson); more than in many years at Little Compton, R. I. (Emerson).
SURF SCOTERS: more individuals seen off Monomoy than in preceding ten years altogether (Griscom).
AMERICAN SCOTER: 100, Monomoy, Sept. 25, 500, Oct. 1, 1000, Oct. 2 (Griscom); over 100, above Bellows Falls, Vt., Sept. 25 (Madeira).
HOODED Merganser: 20, Washington, N. H., Oct. 15 (Gertrude Allen); 2 imm. at Wayland, Oct. 5 (Griscom); 1 at Lenox sanctuary, Sept. 26 (Hendricks); 3 imm. in Amherst, Oct. 8-10 (Bagg & Eliot).
AM. Merganser: female at Northampton, Oct. 4, very early (Eliot).
RED-BREASTED Merganser: 20 arrived at Blue Hill, Me., Oct. 8 (Brewer); 100, Ipswich, Oct. 9 (Touseys).
HAWKS: Mr. Hagar at Mt. Tom followed the flight Sept. 13 until stopped by the northeast storm on Sept. 18 and ensuing hurricane. On Sept. 13 there were scattered Ospreys and Accipiters in the late afternoon; Sept. 14, a flight in the morning which stopped when it became cloudy; Sept. 16, clear with a gentle northeasterly, 105 hawks, 55 of which were Broad-wings; Sept. 17, a big flight almost entirely between 11 a.m. & 1.30 p.m., wind northeasterly, day becoming increasingly cloudy; total of 1182 hawks, of which 1158 were Broad-wings. Mr. Eliot reports a big flight of Broad-wings in the Conn. valley in Mass. & Conn. Sept. 24-5 with no later reports of the species.
GOSHAWK: ad. seen at Northampton, Sept. 24 (Wakeman).
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: very few throughout.
COOPER'S HAWK: very few throughout.
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: 1 at Plum I., Oct. 2 (N. Hill).
BALD EAGLE: 6 noted in Conn. valley in period.
MARSH HAWK: only 3 reports from Connecticut valley.
OSPREY: last at Wells River, Vt., Oct. 12 (Smith).
DUCK HAWK: seen in lowlands of Conn. valley, Oct. 4 & 7 (Eliot); last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 18 (Smith); Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom et al); Sandwich, Oct. 7 (Raynor).
PIGEON HAWK: 3 (1 chasing a migrating bat) at Monomoy, Sept. 25 (Griscom); 5 noted in Conn. valley Sept. 22 - Oct. 8.
AMERICAN COOT: 5, Wayland, Oct. 5 (Griscom); 6, Squibnocket, Sept. 16-21 (Atkins & Hornblower); 1, Harwich, Oct. 2 (Bishop); 1, Northampton, Sept. 29 (Eliot).
PIPING PLOVER: 3, Nauset, Sept. 22 (Griscom); last at Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 20 (Emerson).
SMIL-PALMATED PLOVER: very heavy flight, over 5000 seen on outer Cape, 4 times as many as last year (Griscom); 6, Pittsfield, Sept. 16 (Eliot).
GOLDEN PLOVER: Essex Co. - recorded Sept. 17 - Oct. 8, 42 at Ipswich on Oct. 2 (Foye); outer Cape - 39 up to Oct. 2 (Griscom); 1 still at Wayland, Sept. 18 (Kraus); 1, Warren, R. I., Oct. 1 (Bowen).
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: heaviest flight in recent years; over 8600 on outer Cape to Oct. 2 (Griscom); 1, Wayland, Sept. 18 (Kraus).
RUDDY TURNSTONE: 2, Hampton Beach, N. H., Oct. 12 (Goellner); 1, Pt. Judith, R. I., Oct. 15 (Dean).
WILSON'S SNIBE: no flight reported in period.

HUDSONIAN CURLEW: last at Plum I., Oct. 10 (Safford); 2, Monomoy, Oct. 4 (Raynor).

UPLAND PLOVER: 1, Plum I., Sept. 22 (Curtis), very late.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER: Andover, N. H., Oct. 1 (Elkins); Ludlow, Oct. 8 (Bagg).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER: Andover, N. H., Oct. 2 (Elkins); W. Newbury, Oct. 9 (Emilio); 1 still at Waltham (Bergstrom); 2 at Easthampton, Oct. 13.

WESTERN WILLET: Plum I., Sept. 18 (Curtis); 3, Monomoy, Sept. 24 (Richardson); 2, Nauset, Sept. 25 (Griscom et al).

GREATER YELLOW-LEGS: good flight on outer Cape; normal nos. in Conn. valley from Sept. 30 on, not before (Eliot).

LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: still present Essex Co., Oct. 9, Monomoy, Oct. 2; a few in Conn. valley, the last on Oct. 9 (Eliot).

KNOT: poorer flight than last year.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER: no good flight along coast; scarce in Conn. valley, only ones seen, 6 at Northampton, Oct. 7 (Eliot).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: a few reports along coast; 1, Framingham, Sept. 18 & Oct. 15 (Kraus & Johnson).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 1, Pt. of Pines, Sept. 23 (Elkins & Robbins); 1, Barnstable Neck, Sept. 15 (Hornblower); 1, Nauset, Sept. 25 (Griscom et al).

LEAST SANDPIPER: last at Plum I., Oct. 8 (Safford); 1, Monomoy, Oct. 2 (Griscom); 3, Pittsfield, Sept. 16 (Eliot).

RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 300, Nauset, Oct. 5 (Raynor); 1, Amherst, Oct. 10 (Eliot); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 25 (Emerson).

DOWITCHER: the biggest flight of Easterns in recent years on outer Cape, over 5700 up to Sept. 22, the last positive Eastern. The first positive Long-billed at Nauset on Sept. 18 (Griscom). The following records are probably all Long-billed: 4, Plum I., Sept. 25 (Touseys), 14, Oct. 5 (Hagar), 15, Oct. 8 (Curtis); 12, outer Cape, Oct. 2 (Griscom et al); 1, Monomoy, Oct. 9 (Richardson); 10 at Wayland, Sept. 18 (Kraus).

STILT SANDPIPER: 1, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 25 (Emerson).

SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER: unreported in Conn. valley, most unusual.

MURBLED GODWIT: 2 ads. & 1 imm. at Nauset, Sept. 25 (Griscom et al).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT: 1 ad. at Nauset, Sept. 22 (Griscom & Garrison); 1 ad. at Monomoy, Sept. 24 (Bishop, Mrs. Fuller & Mrs. Macley).

RED PHALAROPE: 1 in surf off Monomoy, Sept. 22 (Griscom & Garrison).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE: 1 close to shore, Monomoy, Oct. 1 (Griscom & Garrison).

POMARINE JAEGER: 1, Plum I., Sept. 22 (Curtis).

PARASITIC JAEGER: 3, Monomoy, Oct. 1 (Griscom et al); on Sept. 19, 1 at Warren & 1 at Little Compton, R. I., (Bowen & Emerson).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 1 perfect adult with 2 Parasitics at Monomoy, Sept. 18 (Griscom et al).

HERRING GULL: many in Conn. valley due to hurricane and flood.

RING-BILLED GULL: 3, Holyoke, Sept. 22 (Bagg).

LAUGHING GULL: 1 imm. at Revere Beach, Oct. 7 (K. Tousey), late; 1, Chatham, Oct. 12 (Bishop); 5-6 at Holyoke after the hurricane on Sept. 22 (Bagg), the 4th record for the valley.

BONAPARTE'S GULL: 4 at Holyoke, Sept. 22 (Bagg).

FORSTER'S TERN: 1 ad. carefully compared with an ad. Common Tern at Holyoke, Sept. 26 (Eliot); 1st. record for Conn. valley.

COMMON TERN: 100, Ipswich, Oct. 9 (Touseys); 12, Revere, Oct. 12 (Robbins); 250, Monomoy, 100, Nauset, Oct. 1, only 10, Oct. 2 (Griscom); 1, Chatham, Oct. 11 (Bishop); never before positively recorded in Conn. valley, quite a few were blown in; 1, Northampton, Sept. 22 (Madeira); 1, Athol, Sept. 22 (Allisons); 3 at Holyoke, Sept. 24-5 (Eliot et al).

ROSEATE TERN: 10, Monomoy, 10, Nauset, Oct. 1 (Griscom et al).

LEAST TERN: 1 imm. at Monomoy, Sept. 24 (Bishop); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 22 (Emerson).

CASPIAN TERN: 6, Annisquam, Sept. 19 (K. Tousey); 1, Wakefield, Sept. 24 (Touseys); 1, Little Compton, R. I., Sept. 19 (Bowen & Emerson).
 BLACK TERN: 2, Squibnocket, Sept. 21 (Hornblower); 2, Sackonk, R.I., Sept. 22 (Wood).
 BLACK SKIMMER: 3, Monomoy, Sept. 23 (Bradbury & Stewart).
 MOURNING DOVE: 1 near Palletts Bay, Lake Champlain, Sept. 18 (Mrs. Drew), very rare in Vermont; last noted in Conn. valley on Oct. 2.
 YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 1, Monomoy, Oct. 1 (Griscom & Garrison); 1, Eastham, Oct. 14 (Hagar), very late.
 BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1, Monomoy, Sept. 25 (Griscom et al).
 GREAT HORNED OWL: hooting at Brewster, Oct. 8 (Cottrells & Richardson).
 BARN OWL: pr. hooting at Brewster, Oct. 14 (Hagar), unusual in region.
 LONG-EARED OWL: heard in Belmont, Oct. 14 (Elkins).
 SHORT-EARED OWL: Plum I., Oct. 2 (Touseys); 2, Monomoy, Sept. 24 & 25 (Richardson); 1, Hadley, Oct. 8 (Bagg), rare transient in valley.
 WHIP-POOR-WILL: 1 at Monomoy Pt., Sept. 25 (Griscom et al); heard in Williamsburg, Oct. 5 (Graves).
 NIGHTHAWK: many reports in Conn. valley, Sept. 21-27, equalling latest date known, undoubtedly hurricane-borne.
 CHIMNEY SWIFT: a few hurricane birds in Conn. valley, none later than Sept. 23 (Eliot); 1, Kingston, Sept. 24 (Griscom).
 HUMMINGBIRD: on Sept. 25 the last at Blue Hill, Me. (Brewer) & Bath, Me. (French), late; late bird at Edgartown, Oct. 4 (Worden); Belmont, Sept. 24 (Brown); Huntington, Sept. 25 (Cross).
 FLICKER: Manchester, N. H., Oct. 11 (Goellner); not seen in Conn. valley after Oct. 10.
 YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 28 (Smith); sev. in Essex Co., Sept. 25 (Touseys); rare on Outer Cape, 2 on Sept. 25 & 2 Oct. 1 (Griscom et al); common in Conn. valley Sept. 24 - Oct. 7, last seen at Northampton, Oct. 10 (Eliot).
 EASTERN KINGBIRD: Nahant, Sept. 24 (K. Elkins); Manomet, Sept. 25 (Ernsts).
 ARKANSAS KINGBIRD: 1, Plum I., Sept. 19-22 (Safford); Manomet, Sept. 25 (Ernsts).
 PHOEBE: last at Wells River, Vt., Oct. 12 & Bath, Me., Oct. 13.
 LEAST FLYCATCHER: Morris I., Sept. 25 (Griscom); Northampton, Sept. 25.
 WOOD PEWEE: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 22 (Smith); Belmont, and Conn. valley Sept. 24; 2, outer Cape, Oct. 1 (Griscom).
 OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: 1, Holyoke, Sept. 24 (Bagg); Hartford, Conn., Sept. 17 (MacDavid).
 NORTHERN HORNED LARK: 3, Monomoy, Oct. 2 (Griscom et al), 100, Oct. 9 (Cottrells & Richardson).
 TREE SWALLOW: 40, Monomoy, Oct. 9 (Cottrells & Richardson).
 BARN SWALLOW: 2 Monomoy, Sept. 25 (Griscom et al); Swallows, both Tree & Barn were carried back to the Conn. valley by the hurricane; there were large flocks at Northampton on Sept. 23.
 PURPLE MARTIN: 1, Marshfield, Sept. 29 (Hagar), very late; 2, Williamsburg Sept. 25 (Graves).
 NORTHERN RAVEN: 8 at the summit of Sargent's Mt., Mt. Desert I., Me. on Sept. 17 (T. Eliot).
 RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: especially large no. seen at Wells River, Vt. Sept. 23 - Oct. 7; relatively few in east. Mass.; numerous in Conn. valley since Sept. 24; Hartford, Conn., Sept. 16 (MacDavid).
 BROWN CREEPER: large no. seen in Wells River, Vt. Sept. 23 - Oct. 7; 1, Athol, Sept. 18. (Allisons); not noted in Conn. valley till Oct. 1; Hartford, Conn., Sept. 24 (MacDavid).
 HOUSE WREN: Manchester, N. H., Oct. 1 (Goellner); Easthampton, Oct. 7 (Eliot).

- WINTER WREN: Plum I., Sept. 18 (Richardson), Oct. 3-6 (Safford); Boxford, Oct. 2 (Richardson); Monomoy, Oct. 2 (Griscom); 4 in Belmont Sept. 24- Oct. 4 (Robbins); Williamsburg, Sept. 18 & 20 (Graves); 3, Northampton, Sept. 25, usual no. in valley since (Eliot); Hartford, Conn., Oct. 15, (MacDavid).
- LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: sev. at Lynnfield, Oct. 9 (Emilio et al.); Hatfield, Oct. 10 (Eliot).
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: Manchester, N. H., Oct. 6 (Goellner); 2 still at breeding place in Northampton, Oct. 2 (Eliot).
- MOCKINGBIRD: Bath, Me., Sept. 27 (French); W. Roxbury, Oct. 1 (F. Allen); Eastham, Sept. 23 (W. Richardson); in usual place at Edgartown, Oct. 13.
- CATBIRD: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 29; not seen since Oct. 10 in Conn. valley.
- THRASHER: 1 banded at Amherst, Oct. 4 (Cutler).
- ROBIN: heavy migration on outer Cape, Oct. 1 - 2.
- WOOD THRUSH: 1 at Holyoke, Oct. 2 (Bagg); Hartford, Sept. 24 (MacDavid).
- HERMIT THRUSH: hardly any as yet in east. Mass.; 1, Cambridge, Oct. 5 (Griscom); 7, Williamsburg, Sept. 15 (Graves); common in valley since Oct. 1; 8, Hartford, Conn., Oct. 15 (MacDavid).
- OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 28 (Smith); last at Bath, Me., Oct. 8 (French); good flight in east. Mass. on Sept. 25; Northampton, Sept. 17, fairly common in valley Sept. 29 - Oct. 10.
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 28 (Smith); 2, Morris I., Sept. 25 (Griscom); 3 reports from Conn. valley Sept. 25 - Oct. 2.
- BICKNELL'S THRUSH: 1, Morris I., Sept. 25 (Griscom et al).
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: accidental visitor; 2, Manomet, Sept. 28 (Ruth Ernst), carefully studied; 1, Eastham, Oct. 9 (A. Cottrell et al), well seen.
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: heaviest flight in some years throughout Sept. 25 on; 1st. at Williamsburg, Sept. 22 (Graves).
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: 1, Nahant, Sept. 25 (Touseys); 3, Monomoy, Sept. 25 (Griscom); 1st. at Northampton, Sept. 24, peak in valley Oct. 8.
- AM. PIPIT: 1st. at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 22 (Smith); 23 at summit of Sargent's Mt., Mt. Desert I., Me.; Sept. 17 (T. Eliot); Durham, N. H., Sept. 17 (Abbott); 2, Martha's Vineyard, Sept. 18 (Hornblower); no large flocks in east. Mass. as yet; common in Conn. valley since Oct. 1; sev. in Mannonasset, Conn., Oct. 9 (Meigs).
- CEDAR WAXWING: last at Wells River & Barre, Vt., Oct. 6; 1 imm. at Northampton, Oct. 14 (Eliot).
- MIGRANT SHRIKE: last Newburyport, Oct. 7 (Hagar) & Oct. 12 (Elkins); Eastham Aug. 29 & 30 (W. Richardson); Edgartown, Sept. 16 (Worden); Chilmark, Sept. 20 (Hornblower).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: Chilmark, Sept. 19 (Hornblower); 1, Northampton, Sept. 29 (Wakeman), equalling the latest.
- BLUE-HEADED VIREO: last at Wells River, Vt., Oct. 9 (Smith); Ossipee, N. H., Oct. 1 (Pratt); Manchester, N. H., Oct. 11 (Goellner); only 3 birds reported in east. Mass. to date, astoundingly rare; in Conn. valley Sept. 17 - Oct. 12, peak on Oct. 2 (Eliot).
- RED-EYED VIREO: lingering late throughout; Bath, Me., Sept. 30; Wells River, Vt., Sept. 22; Morris I. & Monomoy, Oct. 9; Holyoke, Oct. 9.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: Newburyport, Oct. 2 (Emilio); Lynnfield, Sept. 25 (Touseys); Squibnocket, Sept. 19 (Hornblower).
- WARBLING VIREO: 1, Northampton, Sept. 29 (Wakeman).
- BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 18 (Smith); Belmont, Oct. 4 (Robbins); Florence, Oct. 2 (Clark).

- TENNESSEE WARBLER: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 19 (Smith); 1, Plum I., Sept. 25 (Touseys); about 6 in period in Conn. valley, last in Hadley, Oct. 1 (Eliot).
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: Nauset, Sept. 25 (Griscom et al); Eastham, Oct. 9 (Bishop et al); Holyoke, Oct. 3 (Eliot).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: Andover, N. H., Oct. 2 (K. Elkins); Plum I., Oct. 2 (Hill); Northampton, Oct. 8 (Eliot).
- PARULA WARBLER: last at Northampton, Oct. 11 (Eliot); New Britain, Conn., Oct. 15 (Schmidt).
- YELLOW WARBLER: Northampton, Sept. 23 & 25 (Eliot).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 24 (Smith); Andover, N.H. Oct. 2 (K. Elkins); Dennis, Oct. 5 (Crowell); last at Northampton, Sept. 26 (Eliot); Hartford, Conn., Oct. 1 (MacDavid).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: Edgartown, Oct. 10 (Worden); unusually many in Conn. valley, 6 noted in period; 1, Northampton, Oct. 12 (Bagg & Eliot), latest.
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1, Lincoln, Oct. 2 (Blakes); 4 noted in Ct. valley, last at Northampton, Oct. 10 (Wakeman).
- MYRTLE WARBLER: no marked flights along coast to date.
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: Wells River, Vt., Oct. 4 (Smith); Lincoln, Oct. 5 (Blakes); Eastham, Oct. 9 (Bishop); Holyoke, Oct. 16 (Eliot).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 1, Nahant, Sept. 25 (Touseys); sev. in wave, Conn. valley, Sept. 24-6 (Eliot); Hartford, Conn., Oct. 1 (MacDavid).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: Lincoln, Sept. 19 (Blakes); Morris I., Sept. 25 (Griscom et al), late; only 1 noted in Conn. valley at Holyoke, Sept. 25 (Bagg); Hartford, Conn., Sept. 23 (MacDavid).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: only 1 in Conn. valley at Holyoke, Sept. 25 (Bagg).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 23 (Smith); last at Bath, Me., Oct. 7 (French); not seen in Conn. valley after Oct. 11.
- PINE WARBLER: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 23; Lincoln, Oct. 9; good flight on outer Cape Oct. 1; 4, Conn. valley Sept. 25 - Oct. 16.
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 1, Monomoy, Oct. 1 (Griscom & Garrison), late.
- WESTERN PALM WARBLER: small flock, Bath, Me., Oct. 7 (French); 2, outer Cape, Sept. 24, 2, Oct. 1 (Griscom); 3, Squibnocket, Sept. 16-20 (Atkins & Hornblower); 3 Conn. valley Sept. 26-Oct. 8 (Eliot); 2, Hammonasset, Conn., Oct. 7, 1, Harwinton, Conn., Oct. 8 (Meigs).
- YELLOW PALM WARBLER: 2, Monomoy, Sept. 25 (Griscom et al); arrived in Conn. valley, Sept. 25, abundant, Oct. 8 (Eliot).
- OVEN-BIRD: Barre, Vt., Sept. 17 (Drew), very late; last at Lincoln, Sept. 25 (Blakes); Morris I., Sept. 25 (Griscom et al).
- NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: Squibnocket, Sept. 19 (Hornblower); 1, Northampton, Sept. 22 - 25 (Eliot).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1 picked up dead at Barre, Vt., Sept. 26 (Mills); Gilmonton, N. H., Sept. 26 (Abbott); Nahant, Sept. 25 (Touseys); Monomoy, Sept. 25 (Griscom et al); quite a no. in Longmeadow, Sept. 16 (Leshure); sev. in Northampton thru Oct. 6 (Eliot); 2, Hartford, Conn., Sept. 24, 1, Sept. 28 (MacDavid & Hunt).
- MOURNING WARBLER: 1, Princeton, Sept. 23 (Kraus); ad. male at Northampton, Sept. 25 (Eliot).
- NORTHERN YELLOW-THROAT: last at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 29; Manchester, N. H., Oct. 13.
- WILSON'S WARBLER: Lincoln & Belmont, Sept. 25 (Blakes & Robbins); sev. at Northampton, Sept. 23-5 (Eliot); 1 banded at Amherst, Oct. 3 (Cutler); Hartford, Oct. 1 (MacDavid).
- CANADA WARBLER: Belmont, Sept. 25 (Smolker), late; Northampton, Sept. 23 (Eliot).
- REDSTART: very early departure east. Mass.; Belmont, Oct. 8 (Robbins); many in Ct. valley Sept. 23 - 4, last at Northampton, Oct. 6 (Eliot).

BOBOLINK: 4 very late birds at Rumford, R. I., Oct. 1 (Childs & Wood).
 MEADOWLARK: last at Wells River, Vt., Oct. 7.
 RUSTY BLACKBIRD: big flocks (500 plus), Lynnfield, Oct. 9 (Griscom et al);
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 RED CROSSBILL: pr. in Williamsburg, Sept. 22 (Graves).
 TOWHEE: last at Northampton, Oct. 10 (Wakeman).
 GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1, Boxford, Oct. 9 (Griscom et al), latest for
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 ACADIAN SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 6 plus, Plum I., Oct. 9 (Griscom et al);
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* Species of accidental or rare and irregular occurrence are starred.

ABBREVIATIONS

The symbol # signifies "and other observers" or "and another observer."

Two records are often combined in a single line when they are united by a common denominator, for example, when two observers note a species in the same area, or when one observer reports it on two different dates. If the birds in question are evidently a continuous population, dashes (instead of commas) may be used between the figures to indicate a progressive increase or decrease between given dates.

Localities are in Massachusetts unless shown otherwise. The term "Connecticut Valley" (often "Conn. Val." or merely "C. V.") stands for that part of the Connecticut River valley which is in Massachusetts (as in Bagg and Eliot's book). Essex County is the northeastern corner of Massachusetts. "M. V." is the island of Martha's Vineyard. The phrase "Outer Cape" is used for the part of Cape Cod from Chatham north ordinarily to Wellfleet and west not beyond Dennis. Its bird-life is surprisingly different from that of the mainland. Finally, "Sudbury Valley" is loosely applied to Sudbury, Wayland, part of Lincoln, and Concord. This again is a region which has long been studied more or less as a unit, its seasonal changes formerly under the searching gaze of such exceptional observers as H.D. Thoreau and William Brewster.

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The second factor is ability and field experience. When unfamiliar or obscurely marked birds are encountered, no degree of honest intention can be adequate unless combined with seasoned judgment and knowledge of distinctive field marks.

Finally, in any case where a field identification might be questioned, it is necessary to know how favorably a group or an observer saw the bird concerned. There are borderline instances where a record might be within the observer's conscience yet inadequate for, say, the first record on a local list. In such cases the only recourse of subsequent writers is to the observer's personal notebooks, to learn whether "the young King Eider was identified on the wing at 400 yards" or "was caught on the beach and studied in hand, with the aid of pencil and notebook..."

That future natural historians may know where to seek for confirmation of records included herein is one reason for the compilation of this Contributors' List. Another reason is to present an honor roll of the many generous persons who have prepared careful, selected lists of their most interesting observations and kindly sent these to us.

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Inland land birding has been exceptionally poor with almost all suitable thickets and weed patches completely unoccupied and a disappointing dearth of northern finches. The open mild winter so far has induced many stragglers, who ought to be further south, to remain. We would prefer to glance through our binoculars at Pine Grosbeaks or other boreal species, but must be satisfied with lingering Kingfishers, Robins, White-throated and Fox Sparrows.

There has been an unusual variety of fresh-water ducks on outer Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

The water-fowl population in Newburyport harbor is decidedly decreased in comparison with the last two winters, except for the tremendous increase in the Bufflehead. There have been far more Red-breasted Mergansers throughout than in past years.

Juliet Richardson

PACIFIC LOON: 1, Plum I., Jan. 8 (Emilio & Griscom); 1, Little Nahant, Dec. 24 (Brookline Bird Club).

RED-THROATED LOON: an unusual number of wintering birds off Mass.

HOLBOELL'S GREBE: a scattering of wintering birds off Mass.

HORNED GREBE: 1 at Pittsfield, Dec. 11 (Clarke).

WESTERN GREBE: 1, Martha's Vineyard, Jan. 1 (Stackpole, Taber et al).

ATLANTIC FULMAR: the most interesting record of the month; a male in the white phase was found alive on Prospect St. in Worcester by Mr. Edward A. Brown; it was taken to the Worcester Natural History Museum where it was identified by Mr. Harry C. Parker; it could not fly, so the bird was mounted; the taxidermist discovered that it had been shot across the hips with a .22 rifle. There are only two previous records of this species for Massachusetts. This is the first inland record.

LEACH'S PETREL: probably 10 off Warren's Pt., Little Compton, R. I., Jan. 2, easily observed at comparatively close range (Stanley S. Gaviloch).

GANNET: the bird which was previously mentioned in Vol. 2, No. 10, blown into Vermont by the hurricane, was banded and shipped to Boston where Mr. A. L. Parker, Pres. of Arnold & Winsor Co., cared for it several days and then sent it out to sea Nov. 27 on one of his fishing schooners. It was released about 50 miles east of Boston Light. On returning from a subsequent fishing trip early in December, the Captain of the schooner reported that they had seen the Gannet again about 50 miles southeast of Cape Cod. It had come and eaten the trimmings of the fish they were dressing.
1 ad. off Halibut Pt., Cape Ann, Jan. 8 (Hill); 1 off Martha's Vineyard, Jan. 2 (Garrison et al).

GREAT BLUE HERON: 1, Manchester, Dec. 18 (Perkins); Essex, Jan. 1 (Schell): 1 flying up Charles River, Boston, Jan. 6 (Harris); Quincy, Jan. 8 (Ellen Graves); Scituate, Jan. 11 (MacCoy); the usual no. wintering on outer Cape; 1 at N. Adams, Dec. 16 (La Beau); 1 in Easthampton, Dec. 21 (Potsubay); 28 in Bradford, R. I. in late December (Southwick).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: 1, Plum I., Dec. 18 (Safford); 1, Ipswich, Jan. 2 (Crain), still present, Jan. 15 (Curtis); 3 wintering in Belmont 1 near Pochet I., outer Cape, Jan. 13 (Benchley); 2, Edgartown in the middle of December (Worden).

AMERICAN BITTERN: 1 very late bird at Monomoy, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al).

WHISTLING SWAN: 1, Poucha Pond, Chappaquidick, M. Vineyard, Jan. 2 (Garrison et al); Mr. Garrison was told by natives that there were 7 in all present earlier in the fall.

CANADA GOOSE: 8-11, Plum I., Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 (Safford); 15 in the Sudbury marsh at Hurd's Pond, Jan. 7 (Brewer); the normal wintering population on the outer Cape and M. Vineyard; a large flock flying north over New Britain, Conni., Jan. 9 (Boyer).

AMERICAN BRANT: 40, Chatham, Jan. 15 (Benchley).

SNOW GOOSE: 1 at Northampton, Dec. 12 (Combs)

MALLARD: 1, Plum I., Jan. 4 - 15 (Safford); 1 pr. in Hurd's Pd., Sudbury marsh, Jan. 7 (Brewer); 1, Plymouth, Jan. 7 (Griscom).

BLACK DUCK: 100 plus, Sudbury marsh, Jan. 7 (Brewer); 53, Wayland, Jan. 15 (Griscom); 17, Waltham, Jan. 10 (Morgan).

EUROPEAN WIDGEON: 1, N. Eastham, Dec. 27 (Broun); 4 drakes, Poucha Pd., M. Vineyard, Jan. 2 (Garrison et al); 1, E. Matunuck, R. I., Jan. 7 (Kraus).

BALDPATE: 2 drakes, Jamaica Pd., Boston, Dec. 23 (Root), 1, Jan. 1 (Nash); 1 drake in Great Pd., Eastham during period (Benchley); 350, M. Vineyard, Jan. 1-2 (Garrison et al); 200 at Portsmouth, R. I., Jan. 5 (Bowen); 50, E. Matunuck, R. I., Jan. 7 (Kraus).

PINTAIL: 1 pr., Jamaica Pd., Boston, Dec. 23 (Root); 2, Brewster, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al); female at Forest Park, Springfield, since Dec. 30 (Stebbins); 35, Little Compton, R. I., Jan. 1 (Emerson).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 1, N. Andover, Dec. 17 (Root); pr. in Leverett's Pd., Brookline, Jan. 4-5 (Robbins & Sands) 1 seen there in late Dec. (Shattuck); small flock at Nauset harbor, Dec. 28 (Benchley); 1, Brewster, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al); 18, Little Compton, R. I., Jan. 1 (Emerson).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 1, Monomoy, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al), 1st. winter record for state.

SHOVELLER: still present at M. Vineyard, Jan. 1 (Garrison et al).

WOOD DUCK: 5, last at Northampton, Dec. 11 (Combs), exceptionally late.

REDHEAD: drake still present at Leverett's Pd.; 3 females, Great Pd., Eastham, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al); 60, Edgartown Pd., Jan. 2 (Garrison).

RING-NECKED DUCK: 80, in and out of Great Pd., Eastham during period (Benchley); 15, Brewster, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al); 2, Kingston, R. I., Dec. 18 (Kraus).

CANVASBACK: 1 drake, off south jetty of Plum I., Jan. 15 (Safford); 1 drake, Great Pd., Eastham, Jan. 9 & 11 (Benchley); 1, Monomoy, Jan. 7 (Curtis); 32, M. Vineyard, Jan. 2 (Garrison et al); 4 still present Dec. 18 at Worden's Pd., Kingston, R. I. (Kraus); 1, Saybrook, Conn., Dec. 20 (Hunt).

GREATER SCAUP DUCK: 340, outer Cape, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al); 600 Scaup, M. Vineyard, Jan. 1-2 (Garrison et al).

LESSER SCAUP DUCK: 15, Fresh Pd., Cambridge, through Dec. 22 (Robbins); 235, outer Cape, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al); 3, on river below Springfield, Jan. 12 (Stebbins).

- AM. GOLDEN-EYE: 3, Wayland, Jan. 7 (Nash), 2, Jan. 15 (Griscom).
BARROW'S GOLDEN-EYE: 14, Lynn harbor, Jan. 1 (Emilio), most unusual number, not seen since with the exception of the drake off Red Rock; 2 drakes have been present at Beverly with several probable females, Jan. 1 (Emilio); last seen at Fresh Pd., Cambridge, Dec. 22 (Robbins); 1 seen at Town Cove, Orleans for a week up to at least Jan. 1 (Hagar), most unusual on outer Cape.
BUFFLEHEAD: 1, N. Andover, Dec. 17 (Root); 232, Newburyport harbor, Dec. 18 (Griscom et al), high count; female on river at Windsor, Conn., Dec. 25 (A. Green); 30 plus, Saybrook, Conn., Dec. 20 (Hunt).
OLD-SQUAW: 5000 off Monomoy, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al).
HARLEQUIN DUCK: 1, Manomet, Dec. 22 (Low) & Jan. 7 (Griscom).
AM. EIDER: Mr. Hagar says that this is the best year since 1936 to see Am. Eiders at the mouth of Chatham harbor. There were 25,000 there Jan. 26.
KING EIDER: 2 drakes, 1 female, off Manomet Pt., Jan. 7 (Griscom).
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 12,000, Monomoy, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al); 1, Hadley, Dec. 21 (Eliot).
SURF SCOTER: 1, Cape Ann, Jan. 2; 2, Manomet, Jan. 1 (Eliot); 8, Chatham, Jan. 2 (Griscom).
AMERICAN SCOTER: 120, Monomoy, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al).
RUDDY DUCK: small flock in Great Pd., Eastham during period; 5, Brewster, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al); 205, M. Vineyard, Jan. 1 (Garrison et al); 20, Watchaug Pd., Kingston, R. I., Dec. 18 (Kraus).
HOODED MERGANSER: 1, Plymouth, Dec. 24 & Jan. 7 (Griscom & Curtis); 1 pr. Salt Pd., Eastham till Dec. 31, 1 pr., Pleasant Bay, Jan. 13 (Benchley); 1, Brewster, 1, Eastham, Jan. 2 (Griscom); 1, Brewster, Jan. 7 (Curtis); 3, M. Vineyard, Jan. 1 (Garrison et al); 1, E. Providence, Jan. 2 (Wood); 2, Kingston, R. I., Dec. 18 (Kraus); 10, E. Matunuck, R. I., Jan. 7 (Kraus).
AM. MERGANSER: 30 plus, Sudbury marsh, Jan. 7 (Brewer); 100, outer Cape, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al).
GOSHAWK: 1, Putney, Vt., Jan. 4 (Green); 1, Ipswich sand dunes, Dec. 26 (Perkins); 2 in Granby, Dec 28-9 (Schurr).
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: Belmont, Dec. 20, 22 & Jan. 7 (Robbins); Wollaston, Jan. 15 (Colburn); Barnstable, Jan. 1 (Eliot); 2, outer Cape, Jan. 7 & 11 (Crain & Benchley); Worcester, Dec. 26 (Jenkins); 1 was caught in a garage at Huntington into which it had chased a House Sparrow, was taken to Mr. Cross, banded and freed.
COOPER'S HAWK: 1 near Holyoke, Dec. 24 (Bagg); 1, Providence, Dec. 30 (Emerson); Warren, R. I., Dec. 31 (Bowen); Hartford, Conn., Dec. 26 (MacDavid).
RED-TAILED HAWK: 1, Wayland, Jan. 15 (Griscom); Marblehead, Jan. 1; Manchester, Jan. 15 (Emilio); the usual no. of winterers on the outer Cape and Martha's Vineyard; at least 6 in the Conn. valley; 1, Swansea, 1, Westport, 1, Sandwich, Dec. 31 (Eliot).
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: 1 ad. wintering at Belmont (Robbins); 1, Springfield, Jan. 15 (Stebbins); 2, Tiverton, R. I., Jan. 8 (Emerson).
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: 2, Rutland, Vt., Jan. 12 (G. Ross); 1, Newburyport, Jan. 1 (F. Elkins); S. Hamilton, Jan. 12 (E. Foster); 1, Monomoy, Jan. 7 (Curtis); 1 in light phase seen daily in Eastham since Jan. 11 (Benchley); the usual winterers on M. Vineyard.
AMERICAN GOLDEN EAGLE: very rare and irregular visitor to N. E.; 1 was found at E. Burke, Vt. on Nov. 24, 1938 ensnared in a skunk trap; it had been seen soaring around frequently since the hurricane; its wing spread was $7\frac{1}{2}$ ft. (L. Jenkins).

- NORTHERN BALD EAGLE: 4, Essex Co., Jan. 8 (Emilio, Griscom et al); 2, Brewster, Dec. 22 (Low); 1 imm., Longmeadow, Jan. 5 (Eliot) & 15 (Sherwood); ad. at Warren, R. I., Dec. 31 (Bowen); 1, Windsor, Conn., Jan. 2 (Hartford Bird Club).
- MARSH HAWK: at Plum I. up to Jan. 12 (Safford).
- DUCK HAWK: Plum I., Dec. 18 (Safford).
- SPARROW HAWK: 4 wintering in Belmont (Robbins); unusually numerous in Conn. valley.
- AM. COOT: 2, Ipswich, Dec. 18 (Elkins), latest Essex Co. record; 2, Sudbury River, Jan. 5 & 7 (Brewer & Nash); small flock in Great Pd., Eastham during period, 32, Jan. 2 (Benchley & Griscom); 17, Brewster, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al); 150, M. Vineyard, Jan. 1 (Garrison et al).
- KILLDEER: 3 wintering at Marblehead up to at least Jan. 15 (Emilio); 4, M. Vineyard, Jan. 1 (Garrison et al), rare bird there; 1, Hammonasset, Conn., Dec. 23 (Meigs).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 2, Monomoy, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al), still present Jan. 7 (Curtis); 1, Gooseberry I., Mass., Jan. 1 (Emerson).
- WOODCOCK: 1 found dead in Norwell, Dec. 25 (MacCoy); 1 flushed at Saybrook, Conn., Dec. 20 (Merriam).
- WILSON'S SNIBE: 1, N. Adams, Dec. 24 (La Beau) & Jan. 2 (Stokes).
- LESSER YELLOW-LEGS: unusual winter record, 1 at Nauset harbor, Jan. 2 (Hagar).
- KNOT: a flock seen off and on since before Xmas in Nauset harbor and Town Cove, Orleans, 35, Jan. 2 (Hagar & Benchley); 2, Monomoy, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al), still present Jan. 7 (Curtis).
- RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 210, Nauset, Jan. 2 (Hagar); 1, Monomoy, Jan. 2 (Griscom); 1, Edgartown, Jan. 1 (Garrison); 3, Gooseberry I., Mass., Jan. 1 (Emerson).
- SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER: 2 birds at Nauset harbor as late as Jan. 2 (Hagar); 1st winter record for state.
- SANDERLING: 15 at south end of Plum I., Jan. 15 (Hill); a wintering flock of about 35 birds at Monomoy (Griscom et al); 2, Nauset harbor, Jan. 2 (Hagar); 10, Edgartown, Jan. 1 (Garrison et al); 7, Horseneck Beach, Jan. 7 (Bowen).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1, Gloucester, Jan. 2 (Eliot et al); 1 on Charles River, Boston, Jan. 13 (Eddy); 1, Chatham, Dec. 31 (Eliot); 1, Nauset Harbor, Jan. 2 (Hagar).
- ICELAND GULL: 2 ads. at Plum I., Jan. 8 (Emilio & Griscom).
- KUMLIEN'S GULL: 1, Plum I., Jan. 4 (Hill) & Jan. 14 (Curtis).
- HERRING GULL: 1, Wells River, Vt., Dec. 20, the first local winter record (W. P. Smith).
- RING-BILLED GULL: unusually numerous, wintering north to Newburyport.
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 75, Newburyport, Jan. 8 (Griscom et al); 2, Revere, Jan. 2 (Elkins); 1, Monomoy, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al); 100, Narragansett Pier, R. I., Jan. 7, a few there before, none on Jan. 15 (Kraus).
- KITTIWAKE: 4, Plum I., Jan. 8 (Emilio & Griscom); 3, Nahant, Jan. 1 (Griscom).
- RAZOR-BILLED AUK: 1 off Manomet, Jan. 7 (Griscom) & Jan. 15 (Cottrells).
- BRUNNICH'S MURRE: Plum I., Jan. 10 (Safford); Cape Ann, Jan. 15 (Hill); Nahant, Jan. 2 (Elkins).
- DOVEKIE: scarce; Cape Ann, Jan. 7 (Garrison et al); Nahant, Jan. 7 (Nash); Provincetown, Jan. 1 (Eliot).
- BLACK GUILLEMOT: 3, Rockport, Jan. 7 (Garrison et al).

MOORING DOVE: 23 daily at a field in Concord (Bigelow); 5-7 in Needham (Notman); a few wintering on outer Cape; Kingston, R. I., Dec. 18 (Kraus).

GREAT HORNED OWL: 1, Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, Jan. 10-16 (Elkins, Griscom & others); it was paler than our Great Horned Owl, probably an intermediate between *Bubo v. virginianus* and *v. occidentalis*; it was tame, appearing as though it had recently arrived from the wilderness; 1 heard at Annisquam, Jan. 15 (Elkins); 2 heard in Boxford, Jan. 4 (Hill & Chamberlin); 5 hooting at Brewster, Jan. 1 (Griscom).

SNOWY OWL: very few; 2, Plum I., Dec. 26 (Safford); 1, Jan. 8 (Cottrell); 1, S. Harwich, Dec. 18 (Will Hersey); 1, Hammonasset, Conn., last week of Dec. (Supt. of State Park).

BARRED OWL: Athol, Dec. 30 (Allison); S. Hadley, Jan. 7 (Bagg); courtship has begun at Bradford, R. I. (Southwick).

LONG-EARED OWL: 1, Brewster, Dec. 22 (Low); 2, Hartford, Conn., Jan. 8-15 (MacDavid).

SHORT-EARED OWL: 3, Plum I., Dec. 18 (Safford); 4, Ipswich, Jan. 2 (Coburn), 5, Jan. 8 (Emilio et al); 1 chased by crows over Dedham marshes Dec. 30 (Gifford); 1, Barnstable, Dec. 31 (Eliot et al); seen off and on at Eastham (Benchley).

KINGFISHER: winterers reported from many places; Lynn, Medford, Belmont, Cambridge, Waltham; at least 4 in the Conn. valley; Bristol, R. I.

FLICKER: 1, N. Andover, Jan. 15 (Root & Schell); winterers at Cambridge & Brookline; common on the outer Cape; at least 2 in Conn. valley.

PILEATED WOODPECKER: 2 prs. near Northampton (Eliot); 1, W. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 24 (Guard at Res. 6).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: still at Easthampton, fast acquiring adult plumage.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: 1 male coming to feeding station at Barre, Vt., throughout period (Mrs. Drew), exceedingly rare in winter so far north; 1, Hartford, Conn., Jan. 1 (MacDavid).

DOWNY WOODPECKER: unusually scarce in east. Mass.; only 1 noted on outer Cape (Bishop).

CROW: an unusual no. of winterers in Vermont; at Newport (Crichton); 3 at Wells River (Smith); 1 at Rutland, Dec. 16 (Ross); 1, Barre, Dec. 26 (Drew); flock at N. Stratford, N. H., Jan. 2 (E. Johnson), most unusual at this season; 3 wintering at Bristol, N. H. (Roberts).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: present in fair numbers at Wells River, Vt. in contrast to some winters when absent (Smith); very scarce in east. Mass. except on the outer Cape where fairly common; 2, Williamsburg, Dec. 21 (Graves).

BROWN CREEPER: 1, Newport, Vt., Dec. 30 (Crichton); 1, Barre, Vt., daily at feeding station (Drew); 1, Manchester, N. H., Jan. 15 (Goellner); 1-5 throughout period at Hartford, Conn. (MacDavid).

WINTER WREN: 1 at Eastham, Dec. 24 (Low); 2 are staying at the Sunderland hatchery (Horst); 1, Westfield, Dec. 24 (Madeira).

CAROLINA WREN: the 2 at Weston reappeared on Xmas week (Brewer); last seen at Waltham, Jan. 10 (Bergstrom); 1 in Springfield (Sherwood).

MOCKINGBIRD: 1 at grounds of Brooks School, N. Andover and at feeding station (Howe & Root); 1 at Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, Jan. 1 (Nash & Gifford), still present Jan. 15; 1 at Eastham, Dec. 24, seen off and on at same spot since (Benchley); still in S. Hadley (L. Smith); 1 in Nantucket daily coming to grapes near a house, even eating them in the presence of a cat a few feet away (Shurrocks).

- GATBIRD: 1 in Florence till Jan. 8 (Weeks).
- BROWN THRASHER: a rare winterer, 1 at Hartford, Conn., Dec. 18 (MacDavid).
- ROBIN: several winterers north of Boston; 3 seen in period at Sanborn-ton, N. H. (Weeks); noted at S. Hamilton, Cambridge, Concord, Belmont; a few in Conn. valley, a good flock, nearly all males, Northampton, Jan. 14 (Bagg).
- HERMIT THRUSH: 1 banded at Austin Station, Eastham, Dec. 29; 1, Morris I., Chatham, Jan. 1 (Broun).
- BLUEBIRD: 1, Ipswich, Jan. 15 (Hill); the usual few small flocks on outer Cape; again as last year a flock of 15 is spending the nights at Graves Farm, Williamsburg; 40, New Britain, Conn., Dec. 18 (Schmitt); 4, Kingston, R. I., Jan. 5 (Kraus).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: normal nos. east. Mass.; unusually numerous on outer Cape; decidedly commoner than a year ago in Conn. valley.
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 often seen at a feeding station in Holyoke (Bagg).
- AM. PIPIT: 1, outer Cape, Jan. 2 (Peabody & Walcott); Marshfield, Dec. 18 (Gifford).
- CEDAR WAXWING: 1, Ipswich, Jan. 15 (Curtis).
- N. SHRIKE: Rutland, Vt., Dec. 18 (Ross); Troy, N. H., Jan. 4 (Gertrude Allen); Newburyport, Jan. 2 (Eliot); Ipswich dunes, Dec. 26 (Perkins); Duxbury, Dec. 28 (Hill); Provincetown, Jan. 1 (Eliot); 5 reported from Conn. valley.
- PINE WARBLER: 1, S. Chatham, Dec. 23 (Bishop).
- WESTERN PALM WARBLER: 2, S. Chatham, Dec. 19, 1, Jan. 6 (Bishop); 1, Rumford, R. I., Jan. 2 (Wood).
- MEADOWLARK: 1, Manchester, N. H., Jan. 6, 1st. local winter record (Goellner); wintering at Plum I.; 1, Nantucket, Dec. 25, formerly abundant there, now scarce (Shurrocks); last seen at Williamsburg, Dec. 24 (Graves); 1 in N. Adams, Jan. 2 (La Beau).
- RED-WING: an imm. male was in Holyoke, Dec. 21 & 24 (Bagg) another in Hatfield Jan. 15 (Eliot et al); Kingston, R. I., Jan. 3 & 4 (Kraus).
- BRONZED GRACKLE: 1, Newburyport, Jan. 2 (Touseys); Rowley, Jan. 8 (Nash); Essex in period (Mrs. Hobbs); Dennisport, Jan. 5 (Bishop); seen up to Jan. 4 in Edgartown (Worden); 1 banded by Mrs. Rockwood in Northampton in Nov. stayed about through at least Dec. 21.
- COWBIRD: 3 at the piggery in Gill Dec. 26 & 1 Jan. 15 (J. & A. Bagg).
- EASTERN CARDINAL: Cohasset, Jan. 4 & 5 (Fletcher), rare visitor.
- EVENING GROSBEAK: 6, Barre, Vt., Jan. 5 (Drew); it has just been re-ported to me by Mr. Haven Parker that his father's aviary at Lancaster, containing dull plumaged Evening Grosbeaks was demolished by the hurricane; perhaps the birds reported in the last Bulletin from Wellesley & Belmont were escapes from there.
- PURPLE FINCH: generally scarce; 2, Rutland, Vt., Jan. 7, 1st. observed this winter (G. Ross); 1, Wells River, Vt., Jan. 10 (Smith); a good sized flock daily at Barre, Vt. (Drew); 23 daily at N. Stratford, N. H. (Johnson); only ones reported from Conn. valley, 5, Northampton, Dec. 21 (Madeira); just appearing in Hartford at end of period (Bird Club).
- COMMON REDPOLL: very few; 6, Mendon, Vt., Jan. 7 (G. Ross); 15, Wells River, Vt., Dec. 21 (Smith); 1, Ipswich, Jan. 15 (Hill); 2, Newton Centre last of Dec. (Mac Lucas).
- PINE SISKIN: nos. at N. Stratford, N. H. (Johnson); 1, Ipswich, Jan. 15 (Hill); 3, Winchester, Dec. 24 (Small); 6, Waltham, Dec. 20, 1, Jan. 2 (Mrs. Bergstrom); 1, Edgartown, Dec. 21 (Worden).
- GOLDFINCH: very scarce throughout New England.

RED CROSSBILL: Small flock at S. Harwich, Jan. 18 (Will Hersey).
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: 16, Wells River, Vt., Dec. 20 (Smith).
IPSWICH SPARROW: 1, Ipswich, Dec. 26 (Perkins), 1, Jan. 15 (Hill); 3, Monomoy, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al); 1, Edgartown, Jan. 1 (Garrison et al); 1, E. Matunuck, R. I., Dec. 18 (Kraus).
SAVANNAH SPARROW: 1, Monomoy, Jan. 2 (Griscom et al).
VESPER SPARROW: 3, Warren, R. I., Jan. (Bowen).
JUNCO: 1, Wells River, Vt., Jan. 7 (Smith).
TREE SPARROW: scarce throughout.
FIELD SPARROW: 1, Waltham, Dec. 24 & Jan. 1 (Bergstrom); 1 with Trees at Northampton, Jan. 4 (Eliot).
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: Plum I., Dec. 18 (Eaton); many winterers in the Boston region; 3, Morris I., Jan. 1; 3 or 4 reported from Conn. valley, all but 1 at feeding stations (Eliot).
FOX SPARROW: 5 winterers in Essex Co. (Emilio); several others reported from Belmont, Winchester, Milton, Cambridge; Edgartown, Jan. 3 (Worden).
SONG SPARROW: many winterers in east. Mass., several north of Boston, as many as 38 in Belmont (Robbins); 4 or 5 reported from Conn. valley.
SWAMP SPARROW: 1, Ipswich, Jan. 8 (Emilio & Griscom); 1, Morris I., Chatham, Jan. 1 (Broun).
SNOW BUNTING: over 100, Mendon, Vt., Jan. 2 (G. Ross); 60, Wells River, Vt., Jan. 13 (Smith); 700-1000, Barre, Vt., Dec. 26 (Drew); 1st. at Bristol, N. H., 12, Jan. 7 (Roberts); a few flocks at Plum I. and outer Cape; 1, N. Chester, Jan. 14 (fide Cross); Worcester County, Dec. 28 (Jenkins).
LAPLAND LONGSPUR: 1, Ipswich, Jan. 15 (Hill).

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Inland land birding has continued to be poor and disappointing. Although the temperature for the period has been normal for the season, there has been very little snow. In northern New England irregular winter visitants have been few and scattered, while near Boston only stragglers are reported, the smallest numbers in many years. In contrast, the number of southern lingerers which have survived the entire season is exceptionally large. The pond ducks have, however, largely disappeared, as even the largest ponds on the outer Cape froze over this season.

Juliet Richardson

COMMON LOON: 16 together at Plum I., Feb. 12 (Griscom), an unusual mid-winter concentration.

RED-THROATED LOON: seen occasionally off outer Cape in period.

HOBBS'S GREBE: seen at Bar Harbor, Me. in period (Mrs. Anthony); 1 at Nahant, Jan. 21 & Feb. 2, 1 at Rockport, Feb. 12 (Mrs. Elkins); 1 at Manomet, Jan. 28 (Eliot).

HORNED GREBE: the normal wintering numbers did not show up till mid-January.

EUROPEAN CORMORANT: 1, Monomoy Pt., Feb. 2, unusual there (Griscom).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: 1, Cape Ann, Jan. 29 (Taber et al), only mid-winter record for Essex County.

GREAT BLUE HERON: 1 at Concord well into January (S. Hoar).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: as many as 14 in Eastham at once during period (Benchley); 6, Edgartown, Feb. 7 (Worden).

CANADA GOOSE: 5, Plum I., Feb. 12 (Griscom); 20 flew s. w. over N. Chester, Feb. 5, in formation and honking (Woods).

AM. BRANT: 60, Chatham harbor, Jan. 20 & 24 (Benchley).

MAILLARD: bird still at Plum I.; pr. at Plymouth, Jan. 28 (Eliot); 1 in Rock in January (Higgins); pr. in Pleasant Bay, outer Cape, Feb. 9 & 12 (Benchley); 1 wintering in S. Chatham (Bishop); 1, Narragansett Bay, R. I., Jan. 19 (Gibbs).

BALDPATE: 1 in Rock in January (Higgins); left Great Pond, Eastham, Jan. 18-19 (Benchley); pr. by Rumstick Rock, Narragansett Bay, R. I., Jan. 19, 8, Feb. 5 (Gibbs).

PINTAIL: Newburyport, Feb. 1 (Alexander); Duxbury, Jan. 28 (Eliot); wintering female still present in Eastham (Benchley).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 1, Lancaster, Feb. 10 (Parker); 2, Nauset, Feb. 1 & 12 (Benchley); 1, S. Chatham, Jan. 27 (Bishop).

RING-NECKED DUCK: 1 drake in Rock in Jan. (Higgins); 1 pr., S. Yarmouth, Feb. 2 (Griscom); 70, Nauset harbor, Jan. 21, 55, Jan. 22 (Benchley).

CANVASBACK: 3 near Gaspee Pt., R. I., Feb. 4 (Kraus).

LESSER SCAUP: 1 with Greater, Newburyport, Feb. 12 (Mrs. Elkins).

BARROW'S GOLDEN-EYE: 2 drakes, Beverly, Jan. 29; 1 imm. drake with distinct yellow bill, Nahant, Feb. 1 (Griscom).
OLD-SQUAW: 10,000, Monomoy, Feb. 2 (Griscom et al).
AM. EIDER: wintering flock off Salvages and 1 drake off Brace's Cove, Gloucester; 1, Nahant, Feb. 1, most unusual there (Griscom); 25,000, off Monomoy, Feb. 2 (Griscom); 30, Westport, Feb. 5 (Kraus & Dean).
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 39,000 off Monomoy, Feb. 2 (Griscom et al).
SURF SCOTER: commonest Scoter at Manomet & Nantasket, Jan. 28 (Eliot); 5, Monomoy, Feb. 2 (Griscom et al).
AMERICAN SCOTER: 1 at Hull, Jan. 28 (Eliot); 1000 at Monomoy, Feb. 2 (Griscom et al).
RUDDY DUCK: 40, Pleasant Bay, outer Cape, Jan. 20 (Benchley); 1, Orleans, Jan. 29 (Elkins).
HOODED MERGANSER: 2 prs. in Rock in Jan. (Higgins); 2 drakes, Eastham, Jan. 31 (Benchley); 1, S. Harwich, Feb. 6 (Bishop); 3, Wareham, Feb. 5 (Dean & Kraus); 1, Warren River, R. I., Jan. 20, 4, Feb. 7 (Gibbs).
AMERICAN MERGANSER: 28, Wells River, Vt., Feb. 8 (Smith).
GOSHAWK: 1 killed in Haver, N. H., Feb. 5 (Weaver); 1 in Rock in Jan. (Higgins); 1 at Sunderland, Jan. 22 (J. Bagg); 1, Huntington, Feb. 12 (Bates); 1, Amherst, Feb. 12 (R. Alexander).
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: reported in period from Winchester (Small), Belmont & Rockport (Elkins), Cambridge (Nash), Waltham, 3 times (Garrison et al); Middleboro (Higgins); Kensington, Conn., (Carlson).
COOPER'S HAWK: 1 in Middleboro in Jan. (Higgins); 1, Chatham, Jan. 20, 1, Orleans, Feb. 1 (Benchley).
RED-TAILED HAWK: 1, Putney, Vt., Jan. 19 (Green); 1, Newburyport, Jan. 29 (Audubon trip) circling high over Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, Feb. 8 (Mrs. Elkins); few seen on outer Cape during period; 2, Princeton, Jan. 16 (Gregory); 4 in Conn. valley in period.
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: 1 still present in Belmont; 1, New Britain, Conn., Feb. 5 (Schmidt).
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: 1, Rowley, Feb. 4 (Garrison et al); 1, Ipswich, Feb. 12 (Richardson); 1, Nahant, Feb. 5 (Robbins); 1, Waltham, Feb. 11 (Griscom); Duxbury, Jan. 21 (Crain); a few on outer Cape; 1 at Easthampton, Jan. 22 (Riedel).
BALD EAGLE: 2, Bar Harbor, Me., Feb. 8 (Mrs. Anthony); 1 imm., Newburyport, Jan. 29 & Feb. 11 (numerous observers); 3 noted over Pleasant Bay, outer Cape, Jan. 28 & Feb. 9 (Benchley); ad. at river below Springfield, Jan. 27 (Stebbins); Feb. 2 (Leshure), Feb. 12 (Eliot); 3, Essex, Conn., Feb. 12 (Meigs).
DUCK HAWK: Newburyport, Jan. 29 (Alexander).
SPARROW HAWK: unusually numerous on outer Cape.
RING-NECKED PHEASANT: 1, S. Chatham, Feb. 8 (Bishop), uncommon there.
AMERICAN COOT: left Great Pd., Eastham, Jan. 18-19 (Benchley).
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 4, Monomoy, Feb. 2 (Griscom et al); 2, Westport, Feb. 5 (Kraus & Dean).
WOODCOCK: 1 in Rock in an unfrozen spring hole (Higgins).
WILSON'S SNIPER: 1 wintering in a swamp, Newington, Conn. (Schmidt).
KNOT: 30, Nauset harbor, Feb. 4, probably still present (Benchley); 2, Monomoy Pt., Feb. 2 (Griscom).
RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: 220, Nauset harbor, Feb. 4 (Benchley).
SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER: 1, Nauset harbor, Feb. 4, undoubtedly 1 of the 2 seen the previous month (Benchley).
SANDERLING: 1, Duxbury, Jan. 21 (Crain); 38, Monomoy Pt., 1 in full breeding plumage, Feb. 2 (Griscom); 2, Chatham, Jan. 24, 2, Nauset, Feb. 4 (Benchley).

- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1, Plum I., Jan. 29 & Feb. 8 (Audubon trip & Alexander); 1 2nd yr. bird at Gloucester, Jan. 29 (Eliot); 1 along Charles River in Waltham, Feb. 4 (Garrison & Gleason); 1, Monomoy, Jan. 22 (Hagar); 1 imm., N. Chatham, Feb. 2 (Griscom).
- ICELAND GULL: 2 have been at Plum I. and Gloucester in the period (various observers); 1, Hull, Jan. 28 (Eliot).
- KUMLIEN'S GULL: Plum I., Feb. 8 (Alexander); Gloucester, Jan. 29, still present (Griscom).
- HERRING GULL: 1, Wayland, Jan. 17 (Griscom), 1st. winter record for region.
- KITTIWAKE: 3 plus, darting about jetty at north end of Plum I., Jan. 29, (Audubon trip), also Feb. 11 (Garrison); 1, Duxbury, Feb. 1 (F. Adams); 2, Edgartown, Jan. 29 (Worden).
- RAZOR-BILLED AUK: 1, Monomoy, Feb. 2 (Griscom).
- BRUNNICH'S MURRE: 1, Plum I., Feb. 11 (Brookline Bird Club); 1, Cape Ann, Feb. 12 (Hill); 1, Monomoy, Jan. 22 (Benchley).
- DOVEKIE: only report, 1 at Nahant, Jan. 23 (Hill).
- BLACK GUILLEMOT: 1, Cape Ann, Jan. 21 (Curtis) & 29 (Eliot); 1, Monomoy, Feb. 2 (Griscom), 2nd, record for outer Cape.
- MOURNING DOVE: 1, Wayland, Feb. 8 (Miss L. Smith); wintering at Sharon; 2-5 at Chatham throughout period (Bishop).
- GREAT HORNED OWL: flushed out of hemlocks, Fresh Pd., Cambridge, Feb. 8, mobbed by crows, seen $\frac{1}{2}$ hour later in Mt. Auburn (Mrs. Elkins).
- SNOWY OWL: 1 ad., Plum I., Jan. 29 (Audubon trip); 1, Dover, Feb. 5 (Hoyt Watson).
- LONG-EARED OWL: 1 heard in Boxford, Feb. 5 (C. Robbins et al); throughout period, Hartford, Conn. (MacDavid).
- SHORT-EARED OWL: remained through winter at Plum I. & Clark's Pd., Ipswich.
- KIN FISHER: last noted in Waltham, Jan. 16 (Bergstrom); Brookline, Feb. 2 (Nash); only 2 reported from Conn. valley.
- FLICKER: a few wintering birds in Essex Co. and near Boston; 1 at Northampton, Jan. 18 (Combs) & Huntington, Feb. 14 (Cross).
- PILEATED WOODPECKER: very numerous in Bristol, N. H. (Roberts); 1, Princeton, Feb. 8 & 13 (Gregory); 3 reports from Conn. valley; 1, Avon, Conn., Feb. 5 (D. Pratt).
- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: Easthampton bird last seen Feb. 7 (Combs).
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: 1, Hartford, Conn., Jan. 29, Feb. 5 & 12 (MacDavid).
- NORTHERN HORNED LARK: flocks reported from 4 places in Conn. valley.
- CROW: 3 stayed around Wells River, Vt. till Feb. 3 (Smith).
- WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 at Pinkham Notch, N. H. (3000 ft.), Feb. 4 (Hill).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: scarce at Bar Harbor, Me.; present in Wells River, Vt., 1 wintering on Pine I. (Robbins); very few left on outer Cape; 2 at Amherst, Jan. 28 (Mrs. Pray); 1 in Williamsburg, Feb. 4 (Weeks).
- BROWN CREEPER: at Bar Harbor, Me. in period (Mrs. Anthony).
- WINTER WREN: at least 1 still at the Sunderland hatchery, Feb. 15 (Horst); k, Kensington, Conn., Feb. 5 (Carlson); 1, Hartford, Conn., Jan. 27 & Feb. 5 (MacDavid).
- CAROLINA WREN: bird reported from Springfield last seen Feb. 3 (fide Eliot).
- MOCKINGBIRD: unusual no. of reports; 1 at Bar Harbor, Me., feeding in a back yard in the center of town, has been around at least a month, banded on Feb. 9 (M. Sullivan); still at Brooks School, N. Andover (Root); 1 at N. Beverly, Feb. 13 (Joan Lawson) seen again in vicinity, Feb. 14 (Miss Hatch); last noted at Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, Jan. 23

- (Hill); seen spasmodically at same place in Eastham (Benchley); 1, Edgartown, Feb. 6 (Worden); steadily at S. Hadley (L. B. Smith); 2, Wethersfield, Conn. at 2 places about a mile apart, Jan. 24 (Hunt), still present Feb. 15.
- BROWN THRASHER: 1 came to a feeding shelf in Sudbury all through Dec., disappeared in Jan. (Miss L. Smith).
- ROBIN: several appeared at Bar Harbor, Me., Feb. 1, the 1st. seen all winter (Mrs. Anthony); scattering birds in east. Mass. from Essex Co. southward; 2 wintering in Carlisle (Greenough); reported from 4 or 5 places in Conn. valley, most often from Northampton.
- HERMIT THRUSH: 1, Chestnut Hill, Feb. 12 & 15 (H. Pratt); 1 in Rock in Jan. (Higgins); 1 banded in Sandwich by Mrs. G. E. Burbank.
- BLUEBIRD: winterers at Williamsburg numbered 1 on Jan. 16, somewhat fewer since (Graves); 2, Northampton, Jan. 24-29 (Combs).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: thinning out in Conn. valley as usual in late winter.
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: Holyoke bird not seen since Jan. 16 (Bagg).
- AM. PIPIT: 3, Eastham, Jan. 28 (Benchley).
- CEDAR WAXWING: 1, Amherst, Jan. 16-25 (Mrs. Staples); 15-20, Shutesbury, Feb. 4 & 6, Sunderland, Feb. 10 (Horst).
- NORTHERN SHRIKE: 4 reports from Boston region; 1, S. Harwich, Feb. 14 (Bishop); 4 reports from Conn. valley.
- PINE WARBLER: 1 male, S. Chatham, Jan. 31 (Bishop).
- MEADOWLARK: an unusual number of inland winterers: 1, Hanover, N. H., Feb. 5 (Weaver); 9 still present in Belmont (Robbins); 1 crossed the common at Lincoln, Feb. 9 (Griscom); 3 or 4 wintering in Sudbury region (Miss Smith); 1 picked up dead at R. R. crossing in Princeton (Gregory); 2, Northampton, Jan. 15 (Combs); 2, Amherst, Feb. 17 (Eliot).
- RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: 1 still at Kingston, R. I., Jan. 24 (Kraus).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 1 imm. came to a suet cage in South Norwalk, Conn., Jan. 11 & 13 (Frances A. Hurd).
- BRONZED GRACKLE: 1 feeding in back yards of Bar Harbor, Me. all winter (Mrs. Anthony); 1, Newburyport, Jan. 29 (Audubon trip); 1, Beverly, Feb. 15 (Mrs. McLean); 1, Saxonville, Feb. 9 (Miss L. Smith).
- COWBIRD: 1, Orleans, Feb. 6 (Hagar); 7, Edgartown, Feb. 7 (Worden); 1 at Gill piggery still present Feb. 11 (J. Bagg).
- EASTERN CARDINAL: 1 at Warrentown, wintering at feeding station of Leo Quindley, Plymouth St.; a male has been over a month at Rock (Higgins).
- EVENING GROSBEEK: 1 female & 2 brilliant males, N. Weare, N. H., Dec. 3, 1938; 15-20 in a maple, Sanbornton, N. H., Feb. 14 (E. C. Weeks); 14-15 probable ones reported from Canan Street, N. H., Jan. 28 (Weaver); 2 males, Mt. Toby, Sunderland, Jan. 23 (R. Clement).
- PURPLE FINCH: wintering at Wells River, Vt., very scarce in Mass.
- PINE GROSBEEK: only report from Pinkham Notch, N. H., Feb. 3 (Hill).
- COMMON REDPOLL: Very few in Bar Harbor, Me.; 1, Chocorua, N. H., Feb. 1 (Hill); 1 male, Waltham, Feb. 5, 1 female, Feb. 7 (Mrs. Bergstrom); 1 male, Wellesley, Feb. 13 & 15 (Wellman); 12, Williamsburg, Jan. 29, 2, Feb. 11 (Graves); 23, Amherst, Feb. 13 (Clement).
- PINE SISKIN: quite numerous in Wells River, Vt. (Smith); 3, Hanover, N. H., Jan. 23, 8, Etna, N. H., Feb. 6 (Weaver).
- GOLDFINCH: wintering at Wells River, Vt.; marked absence at Bristol, N. H. in comparison with last two winters (Roberts); 100, Georgetown, Jan. 29 (Alexander); decidedly commoner in Conn. valley than in preceding period.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: flock at Wells River, Vt., Jan. 16 & Feb. 6 (Smith); 15 near Etna, N. H., Feb. 6 (Weaver).

IPSWICH SPARROW: 1, Plum I., Feb. 11 (Brookline Bird Club); 2, Ipswich, Feb. 12 (Richardson); 2 near Chatham harbor, Jan. 20 & 2, Nauset beach Jan. 21 & Feb. 4 (Benchley).

SAVANNAH SPARROW: 1, Ipswich, Jan. 29 (Audubon trip).

VESPER SPARROW: 2, Eastham, Feb. 11 (Benchley).

SLATE-COLORED JUNCO: wintering in Wells River, Vt. for the 1st. time with the exception of 1 individual several years ago (Smith); 30-40, around house in Bar Harbor, Me., unusually large wintering flock (Anthony).

TREE SPARROW: wintering in larger numbers at Wells River, Vt., than for several years (Smith); very scarce at Bar Harbor, Me. (Anthony); marked increase in east. Mass. in period, huge flock at Newburyport, Feb. 12 (Brookline Bird Club).

FIELD SPARROW: 1, Newburyport, Feb. 8 (Alexander), most unusual winter record; 3 still present in Belmont (Robbins).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 1, Bar Harbor, Me., Feb. 2-14 (Mrs. Anthony); 1, Easthampton, Jan. 27 (Riedel).

PECK SPARROW: 1, Nahant, Jan. 29 (Taber et al); 1, Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, Jan. 22 (Nash); 2, S. Harwich, Feb. 6 (Bishop).

SONG SPARROW: 1, Bar Harbor, Me., Feb. 3 (Mrs. Anthony); 2, Hanover, N. H. in early Feb. (Weaver); decidedly commoner in Conn. valley than in last period.

LAPLAND LONGSPUR: 25, Plum I., Feb. 4 (Garrison et al); imm. female in Amherst, Feb. 5 (Eliot).

SNOW BUNTING: the usual late wintering flocks in Vermont, New Hampshire & Connecticut valley.

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This was an interesting period, though late and backward in general landbird migration. The cold weather up and down the Atlantic Coast, which characterized most of March and early April, was punctuated by a few warm, southwest days (as March 24-26) with waves of migrants.

An outstanding ornithological event was the occurrence in the Connecticut Valley and at Merrymeeting Bay of large flocks of Greater Snow Geese. These fine birds have not been accustomed (at least for many years) to stop during their mass migrations over New England. Their numbers have been increasing, however, and records of stragglers; so that their visit this spring may perhaps be considered encouraging as well as notable.

The magnificent flight of Canada Geese was observed by scores of people. Many passing flocks were seen, and in numerous places the Geese surprised inland inhabitants by establishing themselves to graze extensively on uplands. In Maine and at Newburyport, gatherings of thousands of these birds have been a delight to the eye.

A Whistling Swan evidently wintered at Martha's Vineyard, together with Widgeon and other uncommon waterfowl; and apparently two other Swans visited Rhode Island.

Egrets reported wintering in Rhode Island are certainly of note.

Reports to date suggest that the remarkable flight of Purple Finches came from the north or possibly west, and dispersed northeastward. Likewise Redpolls, though centering further north generally. Conclusive evidence as to the direction of this wave would be interesting.

Current dispatches show that the Warbler migration, while not so exceptionally early as last year, is well under way.

(Note: the symbol # below stands for "and other observers.")

PACIFIC LOON:	1	Plum I.	April 8	Scott, Griscom #
HOLBOELL'S GREBE:	1	Wayland	March 25	Walcott
	a few	alongshore		
HORNED GREBE:	full migration	Plum I.	April 8	Scott, Griscom #
	1	Holyoke	April 13, 15	Riedel & Eliot
PIED-BILLED GREBE:	1	Wayland	March 25	Gleason #
	general arrival	Conn. Val.	April 12	Eliot
GANNET:	9, 7	Falmouth, Manomet	April 9	Taber & Stockpole
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:	2, 1	Scituate, Plum I.	April 8	Scott, Griscom #
GREAT BLUE HERON:	1	Bar Harbor, Me.	March 18	Heston
	1	Sudbury	" 25	Griscom
	15	Essex County	April 8	Scott #

<u>AM. EGRET:</u>	2 reported	Tiverton, R. I.	wintering	Mrs. Horton
	1	Boyd's Marsh,	April 1	Kraus
	1	Tiverton, R. I.	April 7	Alice B. Cook
	1	Portsmouth "	" 15	Bowen
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:	50	Martha's Vineyard	throughout	Benchley
	several	Agawam	March 26	Eliot
	first	Plum I.	" 31	Safford
	200	" "	April 3	"
AM. BITTERN: (scarce)	1	Wayland	March 25	Jackson, Garrison #
	2	Hatfield	April 9	Eliot
<u>WHISTLING SWAN:</u>	1	Quonochautog, R.I.	April 1	Childs & Wood
	still 1	Poucha Pd., M.V.	" 12	Hagar & Benchley
	1	Little Compton, R.I.	" 14	Mrs. Cook & Mrs. Horton
	1	" " "	" 15, 16	Bowen, Emerson
<u>CANADA GOOSE:</u>	3,000	Newburyport	March 19	Alexander & Hanley
	2,000	"	" 29	"
	departed	"	April 1	"
	275	Essex County	" 8	Scott, Griscom #
grazing,	51	Wayland(golf links)	March 19	Morgan & Gleason
	90	"	April 15	Garrison #
	40	N. Hadley	" 3	Eliot
remarkably numerous		Conn. Val.	thereafter	"
	200	Eastham	April 7	Howe
	40	Wells R., Vt.	" 12	Smith
	10,000	Merrymeeting Bay, Me.	" 15	Gross
BRANT:	6	Scituate	April 1	Gleason
	1	Taunton	" 6	Mason
	7	Ipswich	" 8	Scott & Griscom
	50	S. Chatham	" 10	Howe
<u>GREATER SNOW GEESE:</u>	45	Ipswich	April 9	Robt. Livermore
(Evening of April 10 was foggy, ice forming on automobile windshields.)				
	many calls	over Huntington	April 10	Cross
	2	Montgomery	" 11	"
	over 100	E. Charlemont	" 11 a.m. (D. J. Malcolm)	
(according to "Springfield Republican" of April 16; guarded by Warden Farrell.)				
flying up Conn. R.	4	near Hadley	April 14	Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Curtis
	200	Bradford, Vt.	" 11	Weaver
	60	" "	" 15	"
	35	Hanover, N. H.	" 12	"
	200	Canaan "	" 12	Report to Weaver
	50	Newport, Vt.	" 11, 12	Rev. A. B. Crichton
(Landed on ice of lake one mile away; twice flew low over the city.)				
smaller numbers		Merrymeeting Bay, Me.	"before"	Gross
	400 - 500	" " "	April 13	"
had departed		" " "	" 15	"
(All these records are assumed to be Greater Snow Geese, though no absolute proof is at hand.)				
<u>GADWALL:</u>	"pair"	Sudbury	April 6	F.H. Allen & Griscom
(The drake appeared to be a hybrid between Gadwall and Mallard; and complete observation of the female was never obtained.)				
	1	Hanover, N. H.	April 12	Weaver
<u>EUROPEAN WIDGEON:</u>	2	Wayland	April 1, 2	A. H. Morgan
(drakes)	6	Poucha Pd., M.V.	" 12	Hagar & Benchley

BALDPATE:	200	Portsmouth, R.I.	March 22	Alice B. Cook
	(late) 125	Little Compton, R.I.	April 15	Emerson
	150	Martha's Vineyard	Mar. 27-Apr. 15	Benchley
PINTAIL:	40	Wethersfield, Conn.	March 25	Hartford B. C.
	7	Newburyport	" 25	Tousey
	6	Hatfield	April 3	Eliot
EUROPEAN TEAL:	1	Hatfield	April 8	Eliot
(Among some 40 Green-winged Teal. First Connecticut Valley record.)				
GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	5	Sudbury	March 18	Curtis
	24	Sudbury region	April 1	Griscom #
	first	Conn. Val.	March 27	Eliot
(Notably poor flight in eastern Massachusetts; good in Connecticut Valley.)				
SHOVELER: (rare, esp. spring)	3	Topsfield	April 15	Alexander
WOOD DUCK: (late)	first	Easthampton	March 21	Warnock
	1	Lebanon, N. H.	" 30	Weaver
	13	Wayland region	" 25	Garrison #
	40	W. Newbury	April 8	Scott, Griscom #
REDHEAD:	30	Martha's Vineyard	throughout	Benchley
RING-NECKED DUCK:	3	" "	March 17	"
	first 2	Agawam	" 18	Eliot
(record arrival?)	3	Essex County	" 26	Griscom
	30	" "	April 9	Emilio & Alexander
	24	Wayland	" 9	Griscom
CANVASBACK:	15	Martha's Vineyard	throughout	Benchley
	10	Worden's Pd. R.I.	March 25	Kraus
	still 1	Wayland	April 3	Morgan #
GREATER SCAUP:	2,000	Martha's Vineyard	March 25	Benchley
	gone	" "	April 2	"
	3	Easthampton	March 26	Cotton
LESSER SCAUP: (rec. arrival)	pair	W. Newbury	March 26	Griscom
	6	Ludlow	April 12-16	Stebbins & Eliot
SCAUP SP?	40	Wayland	April 15	Griscom, Garrison #
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE:	1	Lynn	March 18	Batchelder
	still 1	Bonnet Shrs. R.I.	April 8	Kraus
BUFFLEHEAD:	2,1	Wayland (rare)	April 2,7	Robbins, Griscom
OLD-SQUAW:	1	Easthampton (rare)	April 14-15	many observers
NORTHERN EIDER: (collected)	1	Orleans	April 7	Benchley & Long
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:	5,000	Martha's Vineyard	April 8	Benchley
SURF SCOTER:	1	Brookfield	April 12	Bagg
(after storm April 10, 11. First spring record in Connecticut Valley.)				
AM. SCOTER:	2	Brookfield (rare)	April 12	Bagg
RUDDY DUCK:	300	Martha's Vineyard	throughout	Benchley
	1	Middleton, R. I.	March 19	Kraus
	22	Watchaug Pd. R.I.	April 8	"
HOODED MERGANSER:	2	Wenham	March 26	Emilio & Alexander
	20	Sudbury region	April 1	Griscom #
	1	Bradford, Vt.	" 15	Weaver
GOSHAWK:	5	Conn. to Maine	Mar. 26-Apr. 15	sev. observers
COOPER'S HAWK:	18	New England	Mar. 23-Apr. 15	many observers
	4	Boston region	April 15	four "
RED-TAILED HAWK:	flight	Mt. Tom	March 24-25	Eliot
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	"	" "	March 24-25	Eliot
	1	Manchester, N.H.	March 26	Goellner
	1	Wells River, Vt.	April 14	Smith
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:	4 migrants	Massachusetts	Mar. 24-Apr. 3	many observers
BALD EAGLE:	Transients lacking	Connecticut Valley, scattered elsewhere.		
	5	Brunswick, Me.	April 13	Gross
	nest, 2 eggs	Mt. Desert, Me.	" 2	Sullivan

MARSH HAWK:	5	Mt. Tom	March 24	Eliot
	1	Wayland	" "	Garrison
	1	Cube Mt. N. H.	" 26	Weaver
	15	Martha's Vineyard	April 4	Benchley
	9	Plum Island	" 15	Safford
	1	Wells River, Vt.	" 15	Smith
OSPREY:	1	Conimicut Pt. R.I.	March 17	H. N. Gibbs
	first	Huntington	" 26	Bates
	1	Plum Island	" 31	Safford
"unusually large flight"	30	Massachusetts	April 6-16	F. Elkins
SPARROW HAWK:	arrived	generally	March 24-26	various observers
(good flight)	14	Essex County	April 8	Scott, Griscom #
COOT:	3	Easton's Pd. R.I.	March 19	Kraus
	140	Martha's Vineyard	throughout	Benchley
	8 migrants	Massachusetts	Mar.22-Apr.15	various observers
PIPING PLOVER:	1	Middleton, R. I.	March 19	Kraus
	1	Martha's Vineyard	" 25 on	Benchley
	1	Plum Island	April 1	Curtis
KILLDEER:	1	Belchertown	March 17	Knight
	general	Massachusetts	" 24	Eliot, Safford #
	1	Manchester, N.H.	April 15	Goellner
WOODCOCK:	many, singing	Martha's Vineyard	throughout	Benchley
	1	Manchester, N.H.	April 1	Goellner
	hundreds	Ellsworth, Maine	" 11	Anthony
WILSON'S SNIBE:	1	Wayland	March 25	Taber & Stackpole
	12	Tiverton, R. I.	April 12	Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Horton
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:	1	E. Matunuck, R.I.	March 25	Kraus
	2	Eastham	" 30	Benchley & Long
	2	Essex County	April 8	Safford, J. Lawson #
SANDERLING:	3-11	Edgartown	in period	Benchley
KUMLIEN'S GULL:	1	Plum Island	April 9	Emilio & Alexander
HERRING GULL:	first	Hanover, N. H.	March 29	Weaver
RING-BILLED GULL:	1	Mt. Tom	March 25	Eliot
LAUGHING GULL:	1	E. Matunuck, R.I.	March 25	Kraus
	1	Provincetown	April 4	Long
	1	Newbury	April 15	Brookline B. C.
BONAPART'S GULL:(first record)	1	Wayland	April 15	Griscom, Vogel #
(earliest C.V.date)	1	Holyoke	" 15	Eliot
KITTIWAKE:	1	Northampton	April 12	Eliot
(First Connecticut Valley record and very late for Massachusetts. Storm driven?)				
RAZOR-BILLED AUK:(oiled,dead)	2	Gay Head	March 31	Benchley
" "	1	Martha's Vineyard	April 4	"
	1	East Orleans	" 7	Long
BRUNNICH'S MURRE:	1	Plum Island	March 24	Safford
MOURNING DOVE:	3	Concord	March 18	Taber & Stackpole
	1	Hanover, N. H.	" 27	Weaver
LONG-EARED OWL:	4	Hartford, Conn.	Mar.18-Apr.2	MacDavid
	5-1	Belmont	Mar.29-Apr.10	F. Elkins #
BELTED KINGFISHER:	1	Newburyport	March 19	Mr. & Mrs. Tousey
	first	Conn. Valley	" 24	Eliot
	first	Sudbury Valley	" 25	Taber & Stackpole
FLICKER:	"no reports"	Hanover, N. H.	in period	Weaver
	1	Manchester, N.H.	March 27	Goellner
	not common	Conn. Val.	until Apr.15	Eliot
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:	1	Hartford, Conn.	March 25	MacDavid
	1	Belmont	April 10-15	Reynolds, Robbins #
	2	Hanover, N. H.	April 15	Weaver

PHOEBE:	(late & few)	arrival	Massachusetts	March 24-26	Eliot, Safford #
		"	New Hampshire	" 26-29	Goellner, White #
		first	Wells R., Vt.	April 9	Smith
PRAIRIE HORNED LARK:	1		Wells R., Vt.	March 31	Smith
	nest, 3 eggs		Springfield	April 12	T. W. Burgess
TREE SWALLOW:	5		Wayland	March 17	Mary Fyffe
	general arrival		Conn. Val.	April 14	Eliot
	many hundreds		Wayland region	" 15	numerous observers
	10		Hanover, N. H.	" 13	Weaver
	many		Concord, N. H.	" 17	White
BANK SWALLOW:	1		Sudbury	April 8	Brookline B. C. #
BARN SWALLOW:	1		N. Andover	April 13	Schell
PURPLE MARTIN:	1		Enfield, N. H.	April 13	Weaver
CROW:	first flight		Concord, N. H.	March 21	White
	roost of 200		Cornish, N. H.	" 26	Weaver
BROWN-CAPPED CHICADEE:	1		Northampton	March 27	Mrs. S. H. Wakeman
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH:	scarce				
BROWN CREEPER:	generally scarce				
	flock of 10		Hanover, N. H.	April 5	Weaver
	1 singing		Boxford	" 8	Scott & Griscom
WINTER WREN:	8		Massachusetts	March 19 on	Taber, Eliot #
	1,2		Hanover, N. H. reg.	Apr. 10, 14	Weaver
MOCKINGBIRD:	at least 6		including Bar Harbor	wintered	satisfactorily.
ROBIN:	first common		Conn. Val.	March 25	Eliot
	230		Wayland region	" 25 p.m.	Griscom
	1,13		Manchester, N.H.	" 26,27	Goellner
	big increase		Martha's Vineyard	" 27,29	Benchley
	1		Wells R., Vt.	April 2	Smith
HERMIT THRUSH: (very early)	5		Springfield	March 26	Stucker
(to feeder)	1		Bar Harbor, Me.	" 28-31	Anthony
	first		Canaan, N. H.	April 9	Weaver
BLUEBIRD:	5,8		Wayland region	March 24,25	Garrison
	12		Claremont, N.H.reg.	" 26	Weaver
	1		Wells R., Vt.	" 31	Smith
	full migration		Mt. Tom, etc.	April 1	Hagar
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:	1		Sunderland	April 8	Eliot
	singing		Concord	" 14	F. Elkins
CEDAR WAXWING:	3 flocks		Massachusetts	Mar.31-Apr.7	Combs & Robbins
MIGRANT SHRIKE:	2		Conn. Val.	Mar.29 & Apr.1	Eliot & Riedel
	5		Hanover, N. H. reg.	" 26-Apr.14	Weaver
MYRTLE WARBLER: (in uplands)	1		Ipswich	March 26	Griscom
	1		Wayland	April 6	Allen & Tyler
	15		Kensington, Conn.	April 7	Schmidt #
	scattered		Massachusetts	" 14	numerous observers
PINE WARBLER:	2		Lakeville	April 1	Stackpole
	3		Wayland	" 7	Morgan
	first, several		Conn. Val.	" 12	Eliot
	1		Wells R., Vt.	" 13	Smith
YELLOW PALM WARBLER:	5		Kensington, Conn.	April 8	Schmidt
	first		Easthampton	" 11	Bagg
	2		Hanover, N. H.	" 13	Weaver
	1		Cambridge	" 13	Hill & Parker
LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH:	1		Lincoln Woods, R.I.	April 15	Wood
MEADOWLARK:	general		Conn. Val.	March 24	Eliot
	1		Wells R., Vt.	" 30	Smith

RED-WING:	re-arrival	general	March 24 on	Garrison #
	8	Wells R., Vt.	April 5	Smith
	early female	Topsfield	March 19	Alexander
RUSTY BLACKBIRD:	first	Conn. Val.	March 26	Eliot
	15	Wells R., Vt.	April 9	Smith
BRONZED GRACKLE:	over 800	Sudbury Val.	March 25 p.m.	Griscom #
	100's	Bar Harbor, Me.	April 6	Anthony
	6	Wells R., Vt.	" 9	Smith
COWBIRD:	female 1	Bedford	March 21	Clemensson
	1	Manchester, N.H.	" 25	Goellner
	5	Bar Harbor, Me.	April 12	Anthony
SUMMER TANAGER:	adult male 1	W. Kingston, R.I.	April 12-13	Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Covell
EVENING GROSBEAK:	many reports			
	75	Hanover, N. H.	March 29	Weaver
	(very rare) 2	Bar Harbor, Me.	Mar. 21 & Apr. 14	Heston
PURPLE FINCH:	1,000-1,500	Hanover, N. H.	March 23	Weaver
	500	" "	April 8	"
	(tagged by Weaver) 4	Old Bennington, Vt.	" 10	H. C. Ridlon
	some remain	everywhere	" 15	various observers
	but generally lacking	SE Mass.	in period	" "
	banded over 1,000	Belmont	" "	Robbins #
Other banders have banded around 1,000 birds and noticed an absence of previously banded individuals, up till April 8, Athol (the Allison's). In Bar Harbor, Me., of many hundreds banded since March 13 by the Mt. Desert Island Bird Club, only 3 have been return birds, though they expect a normal migration from April 22nd to May 1st of "repeaters".				
PINE GROSBEAK:	few small flocks	Mass. & N. H.	in period	Weaver & others
HOARY REDPOLL:	1	Bar Harbor, Me.	in period	Anthony
	(in hand for banding) 1	Hanover, N. H.	March 23	Weaver
	1	Northampton	" 29	Cotton
COMMON REDPOLL:	(most) 140	Wayland	March 24	Garrison #
	" 78	Manchester, N.H.	" 25	Goellner
	" 300	Newburyport	Mar. 26-Apr. 5	Griscom, Alexander #
	1,000	Hanover, N. H.	" 26- " 15	Weaver
	abundant	Conn. Val.	" 27- " 9	Eliot
	over 1,000	Williamsburg	April 4-5	Graves
	(in 2 flocks) 3,000	Lewiston, Vt.	April 7-8	Weaver
	remained numerous	Wells R., Vt. to	" 15	Smith
	4	Hartford, Conn.	" 14	Hunt, Merriam
	(south) 5	Seekonk	March 25	Childs & Wood
GREATER REDPOLL:	4	Savoy	March 17	S. Waldo Bailey
	2	Phillipston	" 19	Allisons
	(banded) 2	Athol	in period	"
	1	Hatfield	April 3	Eliot & Clark
PINE SISKIN:	well distributed,	locally in fair numbers,	Many remain.	
	over 30	Westerly, R. I.	April 1	Childs & Wood
	50	Hanover, N. H.	April 15	Weaver
	several 100	Bar Harbor, Me.	throughout	Anthony
("Most abundant ever seen here - many died" ... of very severe weather.)				
GOLDFINCH:	numerous	Bar Harbor, Me.	in period	Anthony
	scarce	elsewhere	in period	numerous observers
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL:	a few	Hanover, N. H. reg.	in period	Weaver, K. Elkins
	"remained in large numbers"	Wells R., Vt.	April 15	Smith
	many seen	Bar Harbor, Me.	April 1-14	Anthony
TOWHEE:	2	Newington, Conn.	April 12	Hanson

IPSWICH SPARROW:	1	Newburyport	March 26	Emilio & Alexander
	last 2	Edgartown	" 29	Benchley
SAVANNAH SPARROW:	1	Northampton	April 1	Eliot
	1	Rowley	" 2	Alexander
VESPER SPARROW:	1	New Britain, Conn.	April 1	Schmidt
	(singing) 3	Sudbury	" 7	Allen & Tyler
	8	Hanover, N. H.	" 7	Weaver
(General arrival, however, late and in small numbers.)				
JUNCO:	migration begins	Hanover, N. H.	March 15	Weaver
	200	" "	" 28	Weaver
	1,000	Wilder, Vt.	April 4	"
	heavy migration	Massachusetts	" 1	several observers
	(peak) 160	Manchester, N. H.	" 6	Goellner
	(at feeder) 100's	Bar Harbor, Me.	March 20	Anthony
	by roadsides, everywhere	" " "	April 12	"
FIELD SPARROW:	2	Hartford, Conn.	March 25	MacDavid
	(scarce) first	Belmont	April 1	Robbins
	(late) arrival	Conn. Val.	" 12	Eliot
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:	singing	N. Hadley	March 27	Eliot
	(believed earliest ever) 1	Wells R., Vt.	" 27	Smith
	2	Lakeville	April 9	Taber & Stackpole
	(at feeder) 1	Bar Harbor, Me.	March on	Anthony
FOX SPARROW:	common	Hartford, Conn.	throughout	Hartford, B. C.
	1,4,30	Sudbury	Mar. 11,24,25	Garrison #
	1,20	Hanover, N. H.	March 21, Apr. 4	Weaver
	100's	Bar Harbor, Me.	" 26	Anthony
	300	Essex County	April 8	Scott & Griscom
SWAMP SPARROW;(rec.arrival)	1	Topsfield	March 26	Griscom
	1	Athol	March 28	Allisons
(General arrival much later.)				
SONG SPARROW:	arrival	general	Mar. 25-Apr. 1	many observers
	1	Manchester, N.H.	March 18	Goellner
	100	" "	April 3	"
	many	Bar Harbor, Me.	" 14	Anthony
LAPLAND LONGSPUR:	40-50	Newburyport	March 24	Hagar
(At this time the males were in full song, rising from the ground to give it in flight.)				
SNOW BUNTING:	14	Plum I.	April 11	Parker
	100	Williamsburg	" 4	Graves
(This flock departed for the third and last time, after having twice been forced to return by severe weather - Eliot.)				

NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS: Upon leaving the Museum to get married, Miss Richardson turned over her Bulletin correspondence to the present compiler. I want to take this occasion to express my appreciation of her excellent work in building the Bulletin up; and to acknowledge a sense of constant obligation to the many contributors who make this coöperative venture possible. I hope they will continue to send their summaries, as before, to the Museum.

It is unfortunate that condensation of reports necessitates the omission of many interesting records. In cases where particularly important ones have been overlooked, or errors made, corrections sent in will be appreciated, and entered in the permanent files. Possibly, readers can also suggest improvements in the method of composing the news above.

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The period started with three feet of snow in northern New England (some lasting into May) and wintry conditions which made themselves felt far southward, as NW winds blew day after day. Cold E winds further delayed the season near the coast, so that until May 5 there was hardly any "springlike" weather in eastern Massachusetts. The Connecticut Valley region was more favored, and had great waves of migrants April 22-25 and May 5-10. "Warbler Day" near Northampton was May 6. This peak apparently reached Fairfield, Conn., May 5; Hanover, N.H., May 7; and Manchester, N.H., and Wells River, Vt., May 9 and 10. Meanwhile around Boston summer residents arrived in force, but transients, though of many kinds, remained few in numbers.

Earliest arrival records (for which all observers delight to compete) are perhaps not so important as dates of general first arrival. Often days of peak migration are noted, and certain last dates deserve mention. To compress as much of this information as possible into limited space, reports below are frequently doubled or simply summarized.

The term "Conn. Val." is used (like locations with state not indicated) to signify the part of the Connecticut River Valley in Massachusetts (as in Baggs and Eliot's book). The symbol # is again used for "and other observers."

RED-THROATED LOON:	Apr. 16, May 6	Plum I.	6, many	Griscom #
HOLBOELL'S GREBE:	Apr. 23, May 7	Pittsfield, Nahant	single birds	Hendricks #, Smith
HORNED GREBE:	Apr. 23-25	inland	a scattering	many observers
	May 11	Clinton, Conn.	last	Hunt #
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:	May 2	over Cambridge	100	A. Cottrell #
LITTLE BLUE HERON:	April 23	Sudbury	1 adult	Talbot
GREEN HERON:	April 22	Hartford, Conn.	first	MacDavid
	" 23, May 7	Eastern Mass.	first, gen. arr.	Dodge, many obs.
AM. BITTERN:	April 21, 26	Enfield, N.H., Wells R., Vt.	first	Weaver, Smith
LEAST BITTERN:	May 6, 7	Hadley, Lynnfield	first	Eliot, Tousey
CANADA GOOSE:	April 22	over Cambridge	830 ("in 4 flocks")	C. Robbins #
	Exceptional numbers stayed very late throughout.			
AM. BRANT:	April 24	over Monomoy	1400	Benchley
	Only 5 other local reports of 2-20 birds.			
SNOW GOOSE:	April 17	Easthampton	4	Weeks #
	" 20, 21	Northampton	8, 4	Combs, Eliot
	" 23	Monterey	1 (in private pd.)	Clement
	" 23	Otis	1 (captive)	Clement
	This bird, injured by an automobile on the foggy night of April 10, was measured by Clement. (He suspected the nearby Monterey bird might be its loyal mate.)			
	April 17	Bradford, Vt.	last	Weaver
	" 17	Ipswich	45	Chas. Townsend
	May 1	"	1	Curtis
	April 20	Merrymeeting Bay, Me.	200	<u>fide</u> Kennington

GREEN-WINGED TEAL:	May 14	Northampton	1 (latest C.V.)	Griscom #
SHOVELER:	Apr. 22	Wayland	1 drake	Eaton & Griscom
WOOD DUCK:	Nesting in hay mow entered by barn window 40 feet up, at Princeton.			
				Gregory
REDHEAD:	April 16	Eastham	2	Long
RING-NECKED DUCK:	May 6	Wayland	5	Griscom #
	(latest record for Mass. in spring) Good flight, staying late in unusual numbers throughout.			
LESSER SCAUP;	April 19	Eastham	180	Griscom & Alexander
AM. GOLDENEYE:	April 16	Wayland	250	Eaton
	" 17-27	Hanover, N.H., reg.	2-8	Weaver
BUFFLEHEAD:	Apr. 8-28	inland	scattering	Eliot #
	May 1	Fairfield, Conn.	20 (last)	Saunders
OLD-SQUAW:	Apr. 18-28	Chatham	1000	Benchley
	" 22, May 10	Sunderland, Lee	2,4 (rare)	Nutting, Clement
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:	Apr. 18-28	off Monomoy	2200 (est.)	Benchley
	May 13	Fairfield, Conn.	2000 flying W	Saunders
SURF SCOTER:	Apr. 18-28	off Monomoy	3000 (est.)	Benchley
	" 23	" "	9500 (")	Taber & Stackpole
AM. SCOTER:	Apr. 18-28	off Monomoy	175 (est.)	Benchley
RUDDY DUCK:	April 24	Southwick	1	Leshure
	(second spring record for the region)			
AM. MERGANSER:	May 7	Essex Co.	22 (latest E.C.)	Griscom #
TURKEY VULTURE:	April 22	Mt. Tom	1	H. & F. Elkins #
	" 23	Beverly	1	Whitney Perkins
	" 23	Eastham, Brewster	1, 2	Hemenway & Claflin
	" 30	Vineyard Haven	1 (dead)	Buchheister
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK:	Apr. 23, May 6	Mt. Tom, Essex Co.	19, 14	H.O.C., Garrison #
COOPER'S HAWK:	April 23	Mt. Tom	14	Harvard O.C. #
BROAD-WINGED HAWK:	April 17	Williamsburg	1	Clark
	" 21-May 6	Conn. Val.	good flight	Eliot
	" 23	Mt. Tom	120	many observers
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK:	April 23	Essex County	2	Emilio #
BALD EAGLE:	Apr. 24-May 7	Massachusetts	6 indiv's	many observers
OSPREY:	Mar. 31-May 6	Conn. Val.	flight	Allison, Bagg #
PIGEON HAWK:	April 22-29	Conn. Val.	extraordinary no.	Eliot
	" 30	Essex County	first 3	F. Elkins #
SPARROW HAWK:	April 16, 23	Essex County	47, 24	Stackpole, Griscom #
NOB-WHITE:	May 7	Grt. Barrington	1 (rare)	Clement
LING RAIL:	May 8	Middleton	1	Alexander
	" 14	Lynnfield	5	Emilio & Lawson
CLAPPER RAIL:	May 7	Fairfield, Conn.	1, first	Saunders
VIRGINIA RAIL:	April 21	Mt. Wachusett	dead on rocks	Gregory
	" 23	Middleton	1	Alexander
	May 5, 6	Egremont, Hadley	first	Clement, Eliot
SORA:	Apr. 22, 29	Sagamore, Lexington	first	Hill, Robbins
	May 13	Longmeadow	"	Harvard O.C. #
FLORIDA GALLINULE:	May 7	Ipswich	1	Lord & Norman
COOT:	Apr. 16-23	six places	1-4	many observers
PIPING PLOVER:	April 16, 20	Edgartown, Monomoy	flocks 16, 20	Worden, Benchley
	" 23	Fairfield, Conn.	2 (rare)	Saunders
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:	May 7	Ipswich, etc.	first	Kay Tousey, Sands
	" 11	Fairfield, Conn.	22 first	Saunders
KILDEER:	April 16, 17	near Hanover, N.H.	3 (scarce)	Weaver
	May 3	Concord, N.H.	4 eggs	White

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:	Apr. 18-28	Chatham	50	Benchley
	May 7,13	Essex County	sev., 20	Sands, Griscom #
RUDDY TURNSTONE:	May 13	Fairfield, Conn.	30	Saunders
WOODCOCK:	April 18	Wells River, Vt.	1	Smith
WILSON'S SNIPE:	April 19	Sudbury	19	V.G. & V. Armstrong
	" 25	Hanover, N.H.	first 2	Weaver
HUDSONIAN CURLEW:	Apr. 18,28	Chatham region	1,1	Benchley
UPLAND PLOVER:	April 30	W. Newbury	5	F. & K. Elkins #
	May 6	Agawam	1,2	Sherwood, Smith
	" 7	Concord, N. H.	first (late)	White
SPOTTED SANDPIPER:	April 21	Conn. Val.	first	Eliot
	May 10	Wells R., Vt.	2	Smith
SOLITARY SANDPIPER:	May 6,7	Conn. Val., Essex Co.	arrival	Eliot, W. Perkins #
	" 7,9	Hanover, Manch., N.H.	1,3	Weaver, Goellner
WILLET (pres'd Eastern):	Apr. 22,27	Monomoy	2,3	Benchley
	" 26	Chatham	20	Talbot
GREATER YELLOWLEGS:	Apr. 18-28	Monomoy	3-6	Benchley
	" 20, May 13	Newbury	100, 500	Kincaid, Griscom #
	" 22	S. Hadley	first	Bagg
LESSER YELLOWLEGS:	April 27	Newburyport	2 (earliest E.C.)	Griscom
	" 29	Longmeadow	4 (earliest C.V.)	Leshure
PURPLE SANDPIPER:	May 7	Swampscott	30	L. Wing #
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:	May 13	Newburyport	2	Griscom
LEAST SANDPIPER:	May 6,13	Newburyport	2, 100	Garrison, Griscom #
RED-BACKED SANDPIPER:	April 27	Newburyport	1 (earliest E.C.)	Griscom
	May 7	Fairfield, Conn.	3	Saunders
DOWITCHER:	April 23	Newbury	1	Emilio #
	May 13	Wayland, Newb't	1, 50	F. Elkins #, Griscom #
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER:	May 13	Newburyport	100's	Griscom, Garrison #
SANDERLING:	April 18-28	Chatham	75 plus	Benchley
NORTHERN PHALAROPE:	April 23-27	Monomoy	1 (poor plu.)	Benchley
PARASITIC JAEGER:	May 11	Chilmark	1	Wakeman
GRT. BLACK-BACKED GULL:	April 16	Turner's Falls	1 (rare)	J. Bagg, R. Alexander
HERRING GULL:	Apr. 23-May 15	near Hanover, N.H.	total 4 (scarce)	Weaver
RING-BILLED GULL:	May 13	Newburyport	12	Griscom #
BONAPARTE'S GULL:	April 22	Pittsfield, Holyoke	6,4	Hendricks, Eliot
	May 7,13	Newburyport	30, 50	Griscom #
COMMON TERN:	April 30	Lyme, Conn.	6	Schmidt
	May 7, 14	Edgartown, Plum I.	2, 200	Worden, Tousey
ROSEATE TERN:	May 11	Fairfield, Conn.	12	Saunders
LEAST TERN:	May 12	Edgartown	2	Worden
CASPIAN TERN:	April 22-3	Sagamore	1	Hill
	May 6	Plum I.	1	Garrison, Gleason #
RAZOR-BILLED AUK:	Apr. 25,27	Outer Cape	2 (1 oiled)	Talbot, Benchley
MOURNING DOVE:	April 30	Sanbornton, N.H.	1 (scarce)	E. C. Weeks
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:	May 11	Belmont	1 straggler	Robbins
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:	May 10	E. Northfield	1	Broun
SHORT-EARED OWL:	April 22	Fairfield, Conn.	1 transient(?)	Saunders
	April 23	Wells River, Vt.	1	Smith
WHIP-POOR-WILL:	April 18	Huntington	1 (killed by car)	Cross
	May 1	Boxford	1	Wolfe
	" 6	Manchester, N.H.	1	Goellner
NIGHTHAWK:	May 8	Amherst	2	E. M. Smith
	" 11,15	Hanover, N.H.	first, regular	Weaver

CHIMNEY SWIFT:	April 22,25	Amherst, etc.	3, 2 (& left)	Nutting #
	May 5-6, 7	Conn. Val., E. Mass.	general	Eliot, Griscom #
	Many stragglers noted, but main flight throughout: May 5 on.			
RUBY-THR. HUMMINGBIRD:	May 9,11	Northampton, Belmont	first	Eliot, Robbins
	" 13	Fairfield, Conn.	courtship flight	Saunders
FLICKER:	April 25	Manchester, N.H.	34	Goellner
	May 2	Stratford, N.H.	arrived	Johnson
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:	May 6,14	Easthampton, Granby	appeared	Combs, Jack Mills
	" 10	W. Hartford, Conn.	1	Haynes
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:	Apr. 12-May 15	throughout	transients	Eliot #
KINGBIRD:	Apr. 25-8	Cambridge	straggler	many observers
	May 3	Nantucket	1	Shurrocks
	" 12	Conn. Val.	gen. arrival	Eliot
	after May 15	eastern Mass.	" "	Griscom #
CRESTED FLYCATCHER:	May 6	Fairfield, Conn.	1	Saunders
	" 7,10	Manchester, N.H.	1	Goellner
LEAST FLYCATCHER:	Apr. 30, May 5	Conn. Val.	1, general	Eliot
	May 1,7	Hanover, N.H.	1, "	Weaver
	" 2,7	E. Mass.	1, "	Griscom
WOOD PEWEE:	May 13,14	Sharon, Florence	1, 1	Bergstrom, Clark
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:	May 12	Hanover, N.H.	first	Weaver
NORTHERN HORNED LARK:	May 6	Hadley	20 (latest ever)	Eliot
TREE SWALLOW:	April 17,21	Hanover, N.H., Wells R., Vt.	first	Weaver, Smith
BANK SWALLOW:	April 27	W. Newbury	1 (very early)	Griscom
	" 28	Conn. Val.	1 (late, there)	Eliot
	May 1,10	Hanover, N.H.	1, 200	Weaver
ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:	April 23	Southern New England	3 places	Stackpole #
	" 27	W. Newbury	1	Griscom
	May 6	White River Jct, Vt.	first	Weaver
BARN SWALLOW:	April 16	N. Hadley	1	Nutting
	" 23	Wells River, Vt.	2	Smith
PURPLE MARTIN:	Apr. 16,28	Northampton, Waltham	1, 4	Pease, Morgan
	May 7	Essex County	6 (rare)	many observers
FISH CROW:	April 20	Cambridge	1	Griscom
BROWN CREEPER:	Apr. 16-May 7	Conn. Val.	many transients	Eliot
	May 3-4	" "	50 (mostly singing)	Wakeman
	" 13	Belmont	1 (late)	Robbins
HOUSE WREN:	Apr. 21,23	Easthampton, etc.	1, numbers	Riedel #
WINTER WREN:	Mar. 22-May 6 (12)	Conn. Val.	season (last)	Eliot
	Unusual number of reports in eastern Massachusetts.			
CAROLINA WREN:	April 16	Fairfield, Conn.	1 (none since)	Saunders
	April 23, May 11	Warren, etc., R.I.	1, 1	Bowen, Kraus
	May 12,14	Conn. Val.	1, 1	Bagg, Eliot #
LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN:	Apr. 30, May 13	Lynnfield	1, common	many observers
	May 13	Longmeadow	first	Mason
SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN:	Apr. 30, May 13	Wayland, Lynnfield	1, 1	Morgan, Griscom #
	May 9	Northampton	first & only place	Eliot
	Notably scarce throughout.			
MOCKINGBIRD:	April 20	Wethersfield, Conn.	moved locally	Beckwith
	" 22,27	S. Hadley, N. Andover	last dates	Smith, Root
	May 6,15	Amherst, Bedford	1, 1	Waugh, Clemensson

CATBIRD:	April 23	Chatham	1	Benchley
	" 30	Hartford, Conn.	first	Spaulding
	May 7	Conn. Val.	first & gen.	Eliot
	" 7,14	Hanover, N.H.	first, gen.	Weaver
BROWN THRASHER:	April 22-23	Massachusetts	stragglers	C. H. Blake #
	" 30	Hanover, N.H.	first	Weaver
WOOD THRUSH:	April 27	Fairfield, Conn.	straggler	Saunders
	Apr. 30, May 7	eastern Mass.	1, a few	Cook, Griscom #
	May 1, 6	Conn. Val.	first, gen.	Wakeman, Eliot
HERMIT THRUSH:	Reported in small numbers throughout.			
OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH:	May 7, 10	Northampton, Cambridge	first	Clark #, many obs.
	" 12, 15	Manchester, N.H.	1, 2	Goellner
	" 13	Fairfield, Conn.	8	Saunders
GREY-CHEEKED THRUSH:	May 12	Northfield	1	Broun
	" 14	Conn. Val.	several	Griscom #
BICKNELL'S THRUSH:	May 6	Northampton	earliest ever	Bagg
	" 7	Pittsfield	1	Clarke
VEERY:	April 30	Newton	straggler	Garrison
	May 6	Conn. Val.	general	Eliot
	" 9-14	Hanover, N.H.	1 - common	Weaver
BLUE-GREY GNATCATCHER:	May 7	Topsfield	1 male	Cottrell
	" 8	Northampton	1 female	Wakeman & Eliot
	" 12	Manchester, N.H.	1	Goellner
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:	Apr. 14-29	Conn. Val.	heavy flight	Eliot
	Best spring flight in twelve years (plus) -			
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:	April 30	Boston region	everywhere	Griscom
	May 2-4	Conn. Val.	peak	Eliot
	" 7-10	Hanover, N.H.	numbers	Weaver
	" 13	Belmont, Conn. Val.	last	Robbins, Eliot
PIPIT:	Apr. 16, 18	Beverly, Belmont	2, 3	Perkins, S. Robbins
	May 6	N. Hadley, Wayland	3, 1	Eliot, Griscom #
CEDAR WAXWING:	Apr. 18-May 13	Massachusetts	3 flocks	various observers
	" 22	Hanover, N.H.	first (few since)	Weaver
WHITE-EYED VIREO:	May 5	Fairfield, Conn.	1	Saunders
	" 14	Warren, R.I.	2	Tyler
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO:	April 30	Fairfield, Conn.	1	Saunders
	May 7	Longmeadow	1	Eliot
	" 7	Concord	1	Johnson & Armstrong
	" 9	Hanover, N.H.	1	Weaver
BLUE-HEAD VIREO:	April 23	Conn. Val.	general	Eliot
	" 23, May 6	Essex County	1, common	Griscom, Garrison
	" 28	Manchester, etc., N.H.	first	Goellner, Weaver
	May 1-15	Hanover, N.H.	numerous	Weaver
RED-EYED VIREO:	May 7	Hanover, N.H.	1	Weaver
	A scattering since 7th throughout, but no arrival.			
WARBLING VIREO:	May 6	Northampton	1	Eliot
	" 8, 9	Cambridge	1, 4 (note)	Griscom
	" 8, 12	Hanover, N.H.	first, common	Weaver
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER:	Apr. 23	Conn. Val., Belmont	first	Eliot, Brown
	" 28	Wells River, Vt.	"	Smith
	Notably early and common throughout.			
WORM-EATING WARBLER:	May 10	Fairfield, Conn.	2	Saunders
	" 13	Brookline	1	Dr. G. C. Shattuck
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:	May 6, 9	Belmont, Holyoke	first	Robbins #, Mrs. Smith

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:	May 5	Fairfield, Conn.	1	Saunders
	" 7	Longmeadow	first	Leshure
	" 11	Waltham	1	Morgan, Pettengill #
	" 13	Milton	1	Joe Greenberg
	" 13	New Britain, Conn.	12	Schmidt
BREWSTER'S WARBLER:	May 10-24	Northampton	1 male	Eliot
	" 15	Vernon, Conn.	1	Bossen
TENNESSEE WARBLER:	May 13	Lynnfield	1	Griscom #
	" 14	Cambridge	1	E. Atkins
	" 14	W. Springfield	1	Stebbins
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:	May 14	Longmeadow	1	Griscom
NASHVILLE WARBLER:	April 30	Annisquam, Princeton	1, 1	Kay Tousey, Gregory
	May 6, 15	Manchester, N.H.	1, 8	Goellner
PARULA WARBLER:	April 25	Cambridge	1	Griscom
	Arrived in small numbers May 5-10, following the "Warbler Day" schedule described in the introduction.			
YELLOW WARBLER:	April 29	Concord	1	Parker #
	Plentiful arrival May 5-10, as above.			
MAGNOLIA WARBLER:	May 6	N. Hadley	1	Eliot
	" 8	Wells River, Vt.	1 (early)	Smith
	" 13	Fairfield, etc., Conn.	12, 18	Saunders, Schmidt #
CAPE MAY WARBLER:	May 7	Conn. & Mass.	5 indiv's	Schmidt, Madeira #
	Unusual numbers in Conn. Val. since -			Eliot
	May 11-14	continued flight sev. reports		Weaver #
	" 13	Lewiston, Me.	1	Paul A. Wright
BLACK-THROATED BLUE W.:	May 5	Northampton	1	Eliot
	Arrival in small numbers on "Warbler Day" schedule.			
MYRTLE WARBLER:	Heavy flight during period -			many observers
BLACK-THROATED GREEN W.:	April 22	Sunderland	1 (early)	Nutting
	" 23, 30	Boston region	few, many	Clemensson #
	" 28	Concord, N. H.	first	White
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:	Apr. 29, May 6	Conn. Val.	first, second	Mills #
	Followed "Warbler Day" schedule, in general.			
	May 15	Hanover, N.H.	20 (one place)	Weaver
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:	May 5	Manchester, N.H.	1	Goellner
	" 6-7	Massachusetts	sev. places	many observers
	" 8	Wells River, Vt.	1	Smith
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER:	May 12	Northfield	1	Broun
	" 13	Eastern Mass.	2	Gleason #
	" 14	Conn. Val. etc.	4	Bagg #
BLACK-POLL WARBLER:	May 8	Hartford, Conn.	1	Beckwith
	" 9-10	Massachusetts	several	many observers
PINE WARBLER:	May 7	W. Peabody	first	Griscom #
	" 12	Fairfield, Conn.	last	Saunders
PRAIRIE WARBLER:	April 30	Warren, R.I.	first	Bowen
	May 6-7	Massachusetts	few	Riedel, K. Elkins #
	" 9, 15	Manchester, N.H.	1, 1	Goellner
WESTERN PALM WARBLER:	April 30	Bedford	1	Clemensson
	May 9	Cambridge	1	K. Elkins
YELLOW PALM WARBLER:	Good flight - "greatest in 12 years" -			Griscom
	April 20, 25	Manchester, N.H.	6, 40	Goellner
OVENBIRD:	April 28	Manchester, N.H.	1	Goellner
	Flight on "Warbler Day" schedule.			

NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH:	April 30	Sudbury	1	G. Eddy
	May 5	Conn. Val.	general	Eliot
	" 6	Wells River, Vt.	2	Smith
LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH:	April 18	Putney, Vt.	straggler	Green
	" 20	Fairfield, Conn.	1	Saunders
	" 21, May 7	Sunderland, Westfield	1, 1	Nutting, Hagar #
	in period	Providence, R.I.	5 (increase)	D. Emerson
MOURNING WARBLER:	May 15	Wells River, Vt.	1 (early)	Smith
NORTHERN YELLOW-THROAT:	Followed "Warbler Day" schedule, as in introduction.			
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:	May 12	Wethersfield, Conn.	3 pairs	Hunt #
	" 14	Longmeadow	1	Griscom #
HOODED WARBLER:	May 10	Fairfield, Conn.	2	Saunders
	" 14	Rockville, R.I.	3 (separate)	Kraus
WILSON'S WARBLER:	May 8	Holyoke	1	Bagg
	" 11-13	Massachusetts	a few	many observers
	" 13	Manchester, N.H.	2	Goellner
CANADA WARBLER:	May 8	Cheshire	1	Benchley
	" 10 on	throughout	a scattering	Weaver # #
REDSTART:	April 29	Kensington, Conn.	2	Schmidt
	May 6	Conn. Val.	general	Eliot
	" 11	Wayland region	first common	Griscom #
	" 6, 15	Manchester, N.H.	1, 6	Goellner
BOBOLINK:	May 5	Newington, Conn.	1	Hanson
	" 6, 7	Conn. Val., E. Mass.	general	Eliot, many obs.
	" 9	Wells River, Vt.	1	Smith
ORCHARD ORIOLE:	May 6, 7	Connecticut	2, 2	Meigs, Saunders
	" 10, 12-15	Conn. Val.	1, 1 (males)	Eliot, E.M. Smith #
	" 15	Lynn	1 (imm. male)	Foster & Curtis
BALTIMORE ORIOLE:	April 30	Wayland	1	V.G. Armstrong
	May 5, 6	Conn. Val.	first, gen.	Mrs. Crafts, Eliot
	" 6, 7	Boston region	few, many	Gleason #, Griscom #
	" 7, 11	Hanover, N.H.	first, common	Weaver
RUSTY BLACKBIRD:	Had a singular late spring flight.			
	May 6	Wayland region	90	Griscom, Bergstrom #
	13	Easthampton	1	Weeks
SCARLET TANAGER:	April 30	Duxbury	1	J. B. May
	May 8-10	Massachusetts	scattering	many observers
	" 11	Wayland region	15 plus	Griscom, Eaton #
	" 11	Edgartown	1 (rare)	Worden
CARDINAL:	April 27	Fairfield, Conn.	1 (wintered ?)	Saunders
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:	April 23-24	Edgartown	1 (rare)	Worden
	" 26-29	Nantucket	1 (2nd rec. ?)	Boyer, Shurrocks,
	(Came to feed with Blackbird flock.)			Roy, Rhodriguez
	April 26-27	Wayland	to feeder	Mrs. C. T. Morgan
	May 6-8	to Hanover, N.H.	gen. arrival	Saunders, Weaver #
INDIGO BUNTING:	April 21	Edgartown	3 (rare)	Worden
	May 7	Hanover, N.H.	1 (few since)	Weaver
	" 12, 13	Cambridge, Conn. Val.	1, 2	Griscom, Pease #
EVENING GROSBEAK:	Apr. 25, May 15	Hanover, N.H.	75, 4	Weaver
	May 12, 13	W. Tisbury	1, 2	Wakeman
	In period	Mass. and N.H.	3 other flocks	Broun #
PURPLE FINCH:	By late April the invasion of large, winter flocks had passed on, and more normal spring immigrants began to arrive.			

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| REDPOLL: | April 28 | Hinsdale | 50 plus | Gregory |
| | Latest ever for Mass. (Other reports April 26, 27 etc.) | | | |
| | May 1 | Hanover, N. H. | 4 | Weaver |
| PINE SISKIN: | Apr. 16-May 9 | Northampton | Tr. from south(?) | Eliot |
| | May 15 | Waltham | 5 bitter-enders | Gleason |
| WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: | April 26 | Athol | large flock | Allison |
| TOWHEE: | April 20 | Fairfield, Conn. | 3 | Saunders |
| | " 22, 23 | Pittsfield, etc. | stragglers | Hendricks # |
| | May 7 | Essex County | abundant overnight | Griscom # |
| SAVANNAH SPARROW: | Apr. 16, 20 | Lynnfield, Plum I. | 1, 100 | Tousey, Kincaid |
| | " 17 | Hanover, N. H. | first | Weaver |
| GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: | April 22 | Edgartown | 2 | Worden |
| | " 30 | Agawam | 1 | Eliot # |
| | May 9 | Manchester, N. H. | 1 | Goellner |
| | " 11 | Concord | 2 | Griscom, Tousey # |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW: | May 2 | W. Hartford, Conn. | 2 | Holcomb |
| | " 6, 7 | W. Newbury | 1 | Garrison #, Griscom ; |
| | " 7 | Great Barrington | 4 | Clement |
| SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: | May 13 | Fairfield, Conn. | 3 | Saunders |
| SEASIDE SPARROW: | May 13 | Fairfield, Conn. | 2 | Saunders |
| JUNCO: | April 20, 25 | Manch., Stratford, N.H. | 400, 100 | Goellner, Johnson |
| CHIPPING SPARROW: | April 15 | Athol | 1 (early) | Allison |
| | " 20-22 | Mass. & Hanover, N.H. | arrival | various observers |
| | " 24, May 13 | Manchester, N.H. | 2, 52 | Goellner |
| FIELD SPARROW: | Similar waves; apparently smaller numbers. Late. | | | |
| | May 7 | Essex County | first common | Emilio, Griscom # |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: | April 26 | Athol | early stray | Allison |
| | " 30, May 13 | Manchester, N.H. | 1, 14 | Goellner |
| | May 6 | Northampton | first-many since | Eliot |
| | " 7 | Stratford, N.H. | " -remaining " | Johnson |
| | " 8, 12 | Andover, Cambridge | 1, 5 | Root, Long # |
| GAMBEL'S SPARROW: | Apr. 29, May 1 | Cambridge | 1 (first N.E.) | Many observers |
| | Collected by Griscom & O. Ames; now in N. E. M. N. H. | | | |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: | April 17 | Sunderland | arrival | Eliot |
| | " 22, May 7 | eastern Mass. | arr'd, many | various observers |
| FOX SPARROW: | May 6 | Conn. Val. | last | Weeks |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | May 9, 12 | Manchester, N.H. | 1, 1 | Goellner |
| | " 12-15 | Conn. Val. | 5 indiv's | Mrs. Cutter # |
| SWAMP SPARROW: | Migrating throughout but not to normal numbers. | | | |

NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS: For an interval of two months Mr. Donald C. Alexander, well known Recorder of the Essex County Ornithological Club, will take over compilation of the Bulletin, and contributors are asked to address their notes to him, at the Museum, pro tem.

I am very grateful to the many observers who submitted carefully selected and prepared lists of their records. In some cases, however, these notes were not in check-list order; and I should like to suggest that when records are presented in a format somewhat like the Bulletin's, the compiler's burden is lightened to a surprising extent.

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The period opened with the foliage in eastern Massachusetts at least two weeks behind normal. The temperature was below normal until toward the end of May when it rose to above the average for the last five days of May and continued so throughout the first part of June. Rainfall for the period was also below normal in eastern Massachusetts. In the Connecticut Valley and at Wells River, Vermont, the weather and rainfall were about normal. The first wave of transients around Boston occurred on May 18. On May 20 there was an unprecedented migration. Birds were everywhere. A record list of 142 species was run up in Essex County. The previous high was 133. There were other waves on May 24 and 26 in eastern Mass. In the big wave of the 20th, great numbers of redstarts, magnolia, Canada, bay-breasted, parula, and Wilson's warblers were recorded, as well as a very heavy flight of scarlet tanagers. In the Connecticut Valley the big wave day was May 21 with a record total of 128 species, but warblers were notably scarce. The height of migration was on May 22 at Northampton, May 24 at North Chester, and apparently May 25 & 27 at East Northfield. At Manchester there were wave days on May 19, 23, 25. There was the greatest spring wave of warblers since 1917 on Martha's Vineyard, May 18. At Wells River, Vermont, there were migration days on May 22, 24, 25, 28. Besides the reports of warblers, there were more than usual of yellow-bellied and olive-sided flycatchers. Also the gray-cheeked and Bicknell's thrushes seemed to be above normal in numbers. All in all the period produced the most exciting birding that we have experienced in Massachusetts for years. Shore bird migration was about normal.

The term "Conn. Valley" is used to signify the part of the Connecticut Valley in Massachusetts (as in Bagg and Eliot's book). The symbol # is again used for "and other observers."

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| COMMON LOON | May 22 | Northampton | 1, overhead | Eliot |
| | " 31 | Fairfield, Conn. | 2, last | Saunders |
| | June 12 | Plymouth | 2 | Benchley |
| RED-THROATED LOON | June 11 | Rockport | 3, still in winter plumage | F.E. Smith |
| SOOTY SHEARWATER | May 20 | Plum Island | 1 | Griscom # |
| | " 28 | Monomoy | 5 | Griscom # |
| | June 3, 11 | Monomoy, Cohasset | 2, 1 | Curtises, Lowes |
| WILSON'S PETREL | May 31 | Muskeget | 1 | Benchley & Hagar |
| | June 11 | Monomoy | 1 | Griscom |
| GANNET | May 28, June 4 | Monomoy | 2, 1 | Griscom #, Curtises |
| | " 30 | Ipswich | 2, immature | Mr & Mrs R.C. Curtis |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT | May 27 | No. Andover | 1, flying | Schell |
| | June 11 | Plymouth Beach | 7 | Benchley |

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| GREAT BLUE HERON | Many reports throughout the period. | | | |
| AMERICAN EGRET | May 30 | R.I., Conn. | 1,3 from train | Dr. Barbour |
| | June 9 | Northampton | 1 | Combs |
| | " 14 | New London, Conn. | 1 | Griscom |
| YELLOW-CROWNED
NIGHT HERON | May 16-24 | Newbury | 1 | Buchheister and
many observers |
| | June 15 | Waltham | 1 | Robbins & Bergstrom |
| AMERICAN BITTERN | June 14 | Sudbury | nest, 3 eggs | K. C. Elkins |
| LEAST BITTERN | May 25, 30 | Lynnfield, Quincy | 2, 1 | Emilio, Robbins |
| CANADA GOOSE | June 10 | Plum Island | 10, last | Safford |
| | Many other late reports. | | | |
| AMERICAN BRANT | May 23 | Ipswich | 7 | Mr & Mrs Curtis |
| PINTAIL | May 17 | So. Windsor, Conn. | 1, Conn. River | Holcomb |
| | " 26 | Little Compton, R.I. | 2, drakes | Alice B. Cook |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL | May 21 | Ipswich | 1 female, late | Haven Parkers |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL | June 1 | Tiverton, R.I. | pair | Alice B. Cook |
| RING-NECKED DUCK | End of May | Lake Sourdnaunk, Me. | 8, breeding? | Bagg |
| GREATER SCAUP | May 28, 29 | Monomoy; Fairfield, Conn. | | Griscom #; Saunders |
| AM. GOLDENEYE | May 28 | Andover, N.H. | 1, drake | K. C. Elkins |
| | " 29 | Sourdnaunk R., Me. | 3, females | Taber |
| OLD SQUAW | June 15 | Fairfield, Conn. | non-breeders | Saunders |
| AM. EIDER | May 28, 31 | Monomoy, Muskeget | few still present | Griscom, Benchley |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER | May 31 | Muskeget | 2000 | Benchley & Hagar |
| | Usual late spring flight; many other scattering reports. | | | |
| SURF SCOTER | May 21 | Little Compton, R.I. | 38, last | Emerson |
| | " 28 | Monomoy | few still there | Griscom # |
| AM. SCOTER | May 25 | Marblehead | 1, late | Caswell |
| | " 28 | Monomoy | few still present | Griscom # |
| HOODED MERGANSER | May 21 | Sheffield | 1 female | Hendricks # |
| AM. MERGANSER | May 17, June 13 | Charles River | pr.; female | Taber |
| RED-BREASTED MERGANSER | June 15 | Fairfield, Conn. | 9 last | Saunders |
| BLACK VULTURE | End of May | SW Rhode Island | 1, rare | Krauss |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK | May 23 | Wells River, Vt. | uncommon | Smith |
| COOPER'S HAWK | May 17 | Lanesboro | pr. nesting? | Clement |
| | " 20 | Spencer | 1 | Benchley |
| RED-TAILED HAWK | May 18, 28 | Danvers, Orleans | 1, imm.; 1 | Griscom # |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK | June 12 | Acadia Nat'l Park | 1 | Sullivan # |
| BALD EAGLE | May 17 | No. Hatfield | 1 | deRonde |
| | June 5 | Ossipee, N.H. | 1 | Mrs. Pratt |
| MARSH HAWK | June 14 | Sheffield | Breeding pr. | Eliot # |
| OSPREY | May 27 | Fairfield, Conn. | 3, very late | Saunders |
| | June 11 | Wayland | 2 | Morgan |
| DUCK HAWK | June 5 | Boston | flew from U.S.S.M. Bldg. to the
Custom House | Eaton |
| PIGEON HAWK | May 18, 20 | Belmont; Essex Co. | 1 | many observers |
| SPRUCE GROUSE | May 29 | Mt. Katahdin, Me. | 1, regular there | Taber |
| | | also at Sourdnaunk Lake | | Bagg |
| RUFFED GROUSE | May 16-June 15 | Ossipee | not common | Mrs. Pratt |
| BOB-WHITE | June 4 | Bedford | female, 6 young | Clemensson |
| PHEASANT | June 12 | Acadia Nat'l Park | far north | Sullivan # |
| | also one in Princeton which chases and flies at people Gregory | | | |
| KING RAIL | Still present at Lynnfield many observers | | | |
| VIRGINIA RAIL | May 29 | Andover, N.H. | 1, 1st local record | K.C. Elkins |

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| YELLOW RAIL | May 18 | Lynnfield | 1, rare | Griscom, Tousey |
| | June 2 | Dedham | 1 | F. H. Allen |
| FLORIDA GALLINULE | May 17 | So. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | Holcomb |
| | " 28 | Lanesboro | 1 | F. T. Elkins |
| COOT | May 28 | Northampton | 1 | F. E. Smith |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER | June 14 | Fairfield, Conn. | 3, last | Saunders |
| WILSON'S PLOVER | May 25 | Scituate (Third Cliff) | 1, very rare | F.H.Allen |
| KILLDEER | May 23 | Concord, N.H. | young | White |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER | June 14 | Fairfield, Conn.; Plymouth | 8;30 | Saunders; Benchley |
| RUDDY TURNSTONE | May 17 | Waltham | 1, rare inland | Morgan |
| | June 14 | Fairfield, Conn. | 12 | Saunders |
| HUDSONIAN CURLEW | May 27, June 11 | Rowley, Chatham | 1, 1 | Farwell, Griscom |
| UPLAND PLOVER | May 21 | Agawam | 1 | Bagg |
| SPOTTED SANDPIPER | May 16, June 15 | Manchester, N.H. | hatched eggs | Goellner |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER | May 24, 25 | Manchester, N.H.; Waltham | 1, 1 | Goellner, Bergstrom |
| EASTERN WILLET | May 20 | Essex County | | Brookline Bird Club |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS | Very good flight this year; many in the uplands (true also of spotted, solitary, and least sandpipers). | | | |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS | June 11 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1, last | Emerson |
| | Quite a few reports this year; more spring records than usual. | | | |
| KNOT | May 18 | Nahant | first | Griscom # |
| | " 20 | Newburyport | 2 full breeding plumage | Griscom # |
| | June 9 | Plymouth | 4 " " | " Benchley |
| | " 12 | Fairfield, Conn. | last | Saunders |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER | May 20 | Essex County | | Brookline Bird Club |
| | " 22 | Chicopee | 1 | Miss Stebbins |
| | " 27 | Fairfield, Conn. | 2 | Saunders |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER | June 3 | Plymouth | 3, last | Benchley |
| LEAST SANDPIPER | May 15-24 | Conn. Valley | not many | Eliot |
| | " " | Huntington | 2, 1st record there | Eliot |
| | June 1 | Fairfield, Conn. | last | Saunders |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER | May 30 | Fairfield, Conn. | 2, only spring birds | Saunders |
| | Few other reports. | | | |
| DOWITCHER | June 13 | Plymouth | last | Benchley |
| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER | May 20 | Spencer | 8, inland | Benchley |
| | June 15 | Fairfield, Conn. | 20, still present | Saunders |
| SANDERLING | June 15 | Fairfield, Conn. | 3, not in usual numbers this year | Saunders |
| RED PHALAROPE | May 28 | Monomoy | 3 | Griscom # |
| PARASITIC JAEGER | May 28 | Monomoy | 7 | Griscom # |
| GLAUCOUS GULL | May 21, 28 | Nahant, Monomoy | 1, 1 | Elkins, Griscom # |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL | June 8 | Edgartown | 1 | Worden |
| HERRING GULL | May 23 | Huntington | 1 | Cross |
| | Only record in Conn. Valley this spring, extraordinary. | | | |
| LAUGHING GULL | June 15 | Fairfield, Conn. | imm. still present | Saunders |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL | June 6, 14 | Lynn, Plymouth | 12, 5 late | Taber, Benchley |
| ARCTIC TERN | May 28 | Monomoy | few | Griscom # |
| ROSEATE TERN | May 28 | Newburyport | abundant | Tousey |
| LEAST TERN | May 25 | Scituate | 10 plus | F. H. Allen |
| | " 30 | Plum Island | 2, rare | Brookline Bird Club |
| CASPIAN TERN | May 18 | Newburyport | 1, rare | Griscom, Curtis |
| BLACK TERN | May 29 | Monomoy | 1, rare | N. Eldredge |
| BLACK GUILLEMOT | June 12 | Acadia Nat'l Park | | Sullivan # |
| MOURNING DOVE | June 11 | Andover, N.H. | 1, 1st local record | K. C. Elkins |

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| YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO | June 8 | W. Stockbridge | 1, 1000' elev. | Clement |
| | | Good numbers in Conn. Valley since May 18. | | |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO | May 9 | Amherst | first | Cutler |
| | May 28 | Wells River, Vt. | general | Smith |
| BARN OWL | May 25 | W. Hartford, Conn. | | Hartford Bird Club |
| SCREECH OWL | June 13 | Hartford | pair & young bird | Day |
| GREAT HORNED OWL | Heard frequently throughout period at Ossipee, N.H. | | | |
| BARRED OWL | May 16 | Bristol, Conn. | 1 | Bowen |
| LONG-EARED OWL | May 20 | Boxford | heard | Griscom # |
| | Nesting in West Hartford, Conn. | | | Pease |
| SAW-WHET OWL | May 27,28 | Williamstown | | Cottrell |
| | " 29,30 | West Dover, Vt. | | Eaton |
| NIGHTHAWK | June 15 | Bridgeport | 1st egg hatched | Saunders |
| | Nesting on roof on Central High School, Bridgeport. | | | |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT | May 18 | Essex County | big flight | Griscom, Curtis |
| RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD | May 22 | Wells River, Vt. | general | Smith |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER | May 16 | Concord, N.H. | nest, 4 eggs | F. B. White |
| | " 29 | Northfield | 1 | F. T. Elkins |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER | Present in Conn. Valley at Northampton and Easthampton, also at Williamsburg and Savoy. | | | |
| | | | Eliot, Combs, Graves, Malcolm | |
| YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER | May 19 | Cambridge | last | Elkins, Tousey # |
| | Scarce at Ossipee, N.H. | | | Mrs. Pratt |
| CRESTED FLYCATCHER | May 24 | Wells River, Vt. | general | Smith |
| YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER | May 18 | various places | first | many observers |
| | A great many reports. The bird seems to be unprecedentedly common this year. | | | |
| | June 7 | Florence | 1 | Cotton |
| | " 12 | Acadia Nat'l Park | 1 | Sullivan # |
| ALDER FLYCATCHER | Many reports throughout the region and period. | | | |
| WOOD PEWEE | May 19 | Conn. Valley | general arrival | Eliot # |
| | " 25 | Wells River, Vt. | first | Smith |
| OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER | May 20 | Wells River, Vt. | first | Smith |
| | Many reports throughout the period. | | | |
| ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW | June 5 | Wellesley Farms | nesting | Alex. Henderson |
| | Nesting in hole from which kingfishers were scared by workmen. Various reports in eastern Mass. as well as the Conn. Valley, New Hampshire, and Vermont. | | | |
| CLIFF SWALLOW | June 10,15 | Ossipee; Wells R. | nesting | Mrs Pratt; Smith |
| PURPLE MARTIN | May 22 | Northampton | male | Combs, Eliot |
| | " 25 | Williamsburg | female | Graves # |
| BLUE JAY | May 16 | Building nest in top of large elm at Concord, N.H. (Usually nests in pines around here.) | | |
| | | | | F. B. White |
| CROW | May 18 | Concord, N.H. | nest, 4 eggs | F. B. White |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH | May 16-21 | Hartford, Conn. | 2 places | Finnerty, Fellows |
| | " 21,28 | Goshen, Williamsburg | | Maderia, Graves |
| BROWN CREEPER | May 18,21 | Williamsburg, Ashfield | | Graves, Eliot # |
| WINTER WREN | May 17,18 | Hartford, Medfield | last | Soper, F.H. Allen |
| | " 28 | Fitzwilliam, N.H. | 1 | Peters |
| | June 11 | Middlesex Fells | 1, nesting? | F. E. Smith # |

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| LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN | May 16,27 | Berkshires | 1,1 | Clement |
| " | 18 | Northampton | transient | Eliot # |
| SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN | May 17 | Wethersfield, Conn. | most since 1932 | Fellows |
| " | 20 | Huntington | 1st record | Cross |
| | | Northampton, Belmont | breeding | Eliot, Robbins # |
| MOCKINGBIRD | May 22-25 | Amherst | male | Cutler |
| | May 24, June 5 | Bedford | 1 | Clemensson |
| | June 5,6 | Northampton | pair | Combs |
| | " 8 | Peabody | pair | Kelley |
| OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH | May 20 | Massachusetts | peak | |
| " | " | Essex County | 40 | Griscom # |
| " | " | Manchester, N.H. | 18 | Goellner |
| | June 2,6 | Belmont, Northampton | last | Robbins, Eliot |
| " | 12 | Mt. Wachusett | 1st record | Gregory |
| GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH | May 20 | Northfield | most in 20 years | Broun |
| | | Emerson reports more than usual | at Providence. | |
| " | 24 | Fairfield, Conn. | last | Saunders |
| BICKNELL'S THRUSH | May 19 | Wells River, Vt. | uncommon | Smith |
| " | 19-27 | Northfield | | Broun |
| " | 22 | Northampton | 2 | Eliot |
| " | 23-31 | Manchester, N.H. | 6 | Goellner |
| " | 20 | Essex County | 4 | Griscom # |
| | | A good flight. | | |
| RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET | May 21,22 | Nahant, Lynn | 1,1 | Tousey, Emilio |
| " | 21 | Sheffield | very late | Hendricks # |
| " | 23 | Manchester | last | Goellner |
| PIPIT | May 18 | Huntington | First record for Huntington and also late record for Conn. Valley. | Cross # |
| CEDAR WAXWING | May 28 | Various places | in increasing numbers. | |
| | June 2 | Ossipee, N.H. | nesting, early | Mrs Pratt |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE | April 19 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| " | 22 | Pittsfield | 1, singing | Clement |
| WHITE-EYED VIREO | May 19,22 | Longmeadow, Northampton | 1,1 | Stebbins, Wakeman |
| " | 26 | Nahant | 1 | Griscom |
| | June 6 | Concord | last | V. Armstrong, Ball |
| YELLOW-THROATED VIREO | May 19 | Northfield | first | Broun |
| | May 20,21 | Essex County | | Brookline Bird Club |
| " | 23,25 | Northampton | transients | Eliot |
| BLUE-HEADED VIREO | May 19 | Cambridge | last | K.C. Elkins |
| " | 24 | Northampton | last | Eliot |
| | June 9 | Manchester, N.H. | | Goellner |
| RED-EYED VIREO | May 25 | Wells River, Vt. | gen. arrival | Smith |
| PHILADELPHIA VIREO | May 19 | Fall River | 1 | Alice B. Cook |
| " | 23 | Sunderland | 1 | Ethel M. Smith # |
| " | 29,30 | Marblehead | 1,1 | Caswell, Cotton |
| WORM-EATING WARBLER | May 17,27 | Hartford, Hadlyme, Ct. | 2, nesting | Soper, Hartford B.C. |
| " | 25 | Lenox Sanctuary | 1, 2nd record | Wallace |
| | June 15 | Mt. Washington, Mass. | possibly breeding | Eliot # |
| | | This would be a new record for the state if it could be definitely established that the bird were breeding there. It is very near the New York line and not far from previous breeding stations in New York. | | |

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| GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER | May 21,22 | Sheffield,Northampton 1,male | Hendricks #, Weeks |
| " | 27 | Tyringham singing male | Clement |
| " | 31 | W.Roxbury,Dedham 2,1 | Nash |
| BLUE-WINGED WARBLER | May 21,25 | Princeton,Holyoke 1,3 | Gregory, Cotton |
| BREWSTER'S WARBLER | May 15 | Vernon, Conn. 1 | Bossen |
| " | 26 | Springfield,Northampton 1,last | Stebbins,Cotton |
| LAWRENCE'S WARBLER | June 14 | Winchester still present | F. E. Smith |
| " | May 16 | Windsor, Conn. within 25' of where seen | last year Belden |
| " | 30 | Wilton, Conn. same place as last year | many obs. |
| TENNESSEE WARBLER | May 21 | No. Andover female banded | Root |
| " | 25,28 | Northampton,Cambridge last | Eliot, Elkins |
| " | 31 | Wells River, Vt. last | Smith |
| ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER | June 12 | Acadia Nat'l Park | Sullivan # |
| " | May 18,27 | Cambridge 1,1 | Elkins,F.A.Saunders |
| " | 18,20 | Belmont 2,1 | Robbins |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER | May 22 | Fairfield, Conn. last | Saunders |
| PARULA WARBLER | May 27 | Fairfield, Conn. last | Saunders |
| " | 27 | Northfield,Lincoln last | Broun, Blake |
| " | 31 | Manchester, N.H. last | Goellner |
| MAGNOLIA WARBLER | May 19 | Manchester, N.H. 27 | Goellner |
| " | 20 | Essex County 110 | Griscom # |
| " | May 27,29 | Northfield,Danvers last | Broun, Teel |
| " | June 9 | Manchester, N.H. last | Goellner |
| CAPE MAY WARBLER | May 21 | Harvard 3 | Peters |
| " | 22,23,24 | Conn. Valley several | various obs. |
| June 12 | Acadia Nat'l Park breeds | Sullivan # | |
| BLACK-THROATED WARBLER | May 19 | Edgartown 1 | Worden |
| " | 21 | Fairfield, Conn. last | Saunders |
| " | 23,30 | Manchester, N.H. 3,1 | Goellner |
| June 11 | Northfield breeding | F. T. Elkins | |
| " | 12 | Acadia Nat'l Park | Sullivan # |
| MYRTLE WARBLER | May 19 | Manchester, N.H. 12 | Goellner |
| " | 20 | Essex County 45 | Griscom # |
| " | 25 | Cambridge,Northampton last | Elkins,Eliot |
| CERULEAN WARBLER | May 21 | Brookline 1, male | Kelloggs |
| " | | Brookline probably same bird! | Oliva Coolidge |
| BLACKBURIAN WARBLER | May 19 | Manchester, N.H. 6 | Goellner |
| " | 19,20 | Edgartown 1,5 | Worden |
| " | 26 | Fairfield, Conn. last | Saunders |
| YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER | May 21 | Williamsburg 1 | Graves |
| Described perfectly,habits as well as looks (Eliot). | | | |
| BAY-BREASTED WARBLER | May 20 | Essex County 18, peak | Griscom # |
| " | 21 | Fairfield, Conn. last | Saunders |
| " | 17,25 | Conn. Valley good numbers | Eliot |
| " | 27 | Cambridge last | Tousey |
| BLACKPOLL WARBLER | May 23 | Wells River, Vt. first | Smith |
| " | June 2 | Northampton last | Eliot |
| " | June 11 | Newton,Cambridge last | Garrison, Nash |
| PINE WARBLER | June 7 | Fall River nesting? | Alice B. Cook |
| YELLOW PALM WARBLER | May 25 | Andover new late record | Alexander |
| NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH | May 24 | Fairfield, Conn. last | Saunders |
| LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH | May 2-20 | Housatonic Valley 5 stations | Clement |
| " | 20 | Belmont 1 | Taber |

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| MOURNING WARBLER | May 17 | Concord, N.H. | 1, rare | F. B. White |
| | " 21, 25 | Conn. Valley | 6 or 7 | several obs. |
| | " 23 | Wellesley | 2 | Louisa Hunnewell |
| | " 28, June 4 | Mt. Greylock | 5, 6 | Garrison, Elkins # |
| | " 28 | Cambridge, Belmont | 1, 1 | Tousey, Nash |
| MACGILLIVRAY'S
WARBLER ?? | June 2 | Newton | last | Garrison # |
| | May 18 | This is the bird doubtfully referred to the mourning warbler in Vol. 3, No. 3, p. 5. Bergstrom, Gleason, Pettengill, and Cook all saw white or whitish about eye and on May 19 Garrison saw apparent whole whitish eye-ring and possibly a white spot on the lower lid. After March 1 the bird was seen March 26 by Bergstrom. On April 26 the bird was observed by Mrs. P. Bergstrom. All observations have been made in Waltham. Griscom observed the bird on Feb. 16 and 17, and at that time judged it to be an <u>Oporornis</u> . The bird has escaped collection thus far, but it is unfortunate that it cannot be collected and the question of identity settled for once and all. | | |
| NORTHERN YELLOWTHROAT
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT | May 22-24 | Concord, N.H. | peak | F. B. White |
| | May 20 | Ipswich, Nahant | 1, 2 | Griscom, Mrs Lord |
| | " 24, 26 | Bedford, Princeton | 1, 1 | Clemensson, Gregory |
| HOODED WARBLER | | Springfield | more than usual | Dietrich |
| | June 11 | Holyoke | 1 | Bagg |
| | May 15 | No. Chester | 1, male rare | H.E. Woods |
| | " 21 | Granby, Conn. | 2, rare | Milchelson |
| | " 27 | Hadlyme, Conn. | many | Hartford B. C. |
| | | Rare north of Hadlyme. | | |
| WILSON'S WARBLER | May 20, 21 | Essex County | 30, 15 | Griscom #, Elkins # |
| | " 21 | Conn. Valley | peak | Eliot |
| | " 24 | Wells River, Vt. | peak | Smith |
| | " 26 | Fairfield, Conn. | last | Saunders |
| | June 4 | Wells River, Vt. | last | Smith |
| CANADA WARBLER | May 20, 21 | Essex County | 20, 20 peak | Griscom #, Elkins # |
| | " 22 | Conn. Valley | abundant | Eliot |
| | " 24, 26 | Manchester; Wells River | peak | Goellner; Smith |
| | June 12 | Acadia Nat'l Park | | Sullivan # |
| REDSTART
ORCHARD ORIOLE | May 20 | Essex County | 85, peak | Griscom # |
| | May 25, 26 | Northampton | young male | Wakeham, Eliot |
| | June 1 | Cambridge | young male | Griscom |
| | " 10 | Unionville, Conn. | 1 | Preston |
| SCARLET TANAGER | May 17 | Hanover | first | Weaver |
| | " 20 | Spencer; Essex County | 7; 28, peak | Benchley; Griscom # |
| | " 26 | Wells River, Vt. | peak | Smith |
| ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK
INDIGO BUNTING | May 20 | Wells River, Vt. | general arrival | Smith |
| | May 18 | Essex County | 1 | Griscom, Curtis |
| | " 22-25 | Concord, N.H. | seem increasing | F. B. White |
| PINE SISKIN | " 30 | Standish, Me. | 3 together | Taber |
| | May 19, 20 | Sharon, Northampton | 3, 1 | Taylor, Pease |
| | " 23 | West Roxbury | last | F. H. Allen |
| RED-EYED TOWHEE | May 28 | Wells River, Vt. | 1st, uncommon | Smith |

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| GRASSHOPPER SPARROW | June 4 | No. Hampton, N.H. | 3, singing | Taber |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW | May 14 | Andover, N.H. | 3 where they bred last year | K. Elkins |
| | " 20 | Holyoke | only one place | Eliot |
| | " 26 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1 | Alice B. Cook |
| | | Fairfield, Conn. | new location | Saunders |
| ACADIAN SHARP-
TAILED SPARROW | May 26 | Plum Island | 1 | Griscom |
| SHARP-TAILED SPARROW | May 20 | Plum Island | early | Brookline B. C. |
| | " 26 | Plum Island | 4 | Griscom |
| | " 28 | Newburyport | 2 | Tousey |
| | " 31 | Muskeget | 1 | Benchley & Hagar |
| SEASIDE SPARROW | End of May | SW Rhode Island | 2 | Krauss |
| JUNCO | May 24 | Northampton | 1 | Cotton |
| | June 13 | Cambridge | 1, late | Taber |
| FIELD SPARROW | May 23-24 | Mt. Desert, Me. | banded, very rare | Mrs Anthony # |
| | | Third record for that species there. | | |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW | May 19 | Edgartown | 1 | Worden |
| | " 20 | Spencer | 4 | Benchley |
| | " 21 | Nahant, Springfield | 1, last | K. C. Elkins # |
| | " 26 | Northfield | last | Broun |
| | Unusual numbers this year. | | | |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW | May 20 | Fairfield, Conn. | last | Saunders |
| | " 20 | Plum Island | 100 | Griscom # |
| | " 25 | Conn. Valley | last transients | Eliot |
| | " 26 | Cambridge | last | K. Elkins |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW | May 20 | Essex County | 8 | Griscom # |
| | " 22 | Edgartown | 1, 2nd record | Worden |
| | " 24 | Amherst | 10 banded to date | Mrs Cutler |
| | Remarkable numbers both in Conn. Valley and along the coast. | | | |
| SWAMP SPARROW | May 20 | Plum Island | Second only to the white-throats in numbers. The only heavy flight of swamp sparrows this year. | |

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Due to the very warm and dry weather which held throughout the period, most birds seem to have completed a very successful nesting season.

Although the shorebird migration has started, as yet there is no great influx of birds. Just a few stragglers have started on their way south.

Of unusual interest is the flight of Sooty Shearwaters, which were reported on every offshore trip until July 1, and also the report of three White-winged Scoters on the river at Huntington, June 17, after a violent early morning thunderstorm. Most extraordinary was the report of six Double-crested Cormorants, two of them immature, that flew over Benson Pond in Washington, July 6.

The symbol # is again used for "and other observers." M.V. equals "Martha's Vineyard."

I am grateful to the observers who have sent in material during the last two periods and hope that they will pardon my errors of omission and commission.

Mr. David L. Garrison has returned to the Museum and all material should now be sent to him.

D. C. Alexander

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| COMMON LOON: | July 4 | Little Compton, R.I. | 6 | Emerson |
| | " 7 | Plymouth | 2 | Benchley |
| RED-THROATED LOON: | July 1 | St. John's River, Me. | 1 | still in winter plumage |
| | about 9 miles | above Fort Kent. | | Eliot & Kraus |
| SOOTY SHEARWATER: | July 1 | Off Plymouth | every time boat was out. | Hauthaway |
| GREATER SHEARWATER: | June 29 | Boston Harbor | 1 | Taber |
| CORY'S SHEARWATER: | June 29 | Boston Harbor | 1 | Taber |
| WILSON'S PETREL: | June 29 | Boston Harbor | 320 | Taber |
| | July 3 | Little Compton, R.I. | 8 | Emerson |
| | " 9 | off Saugus | 25 | R. M. Clark |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | June 22, 25 | Plymouth | 1 | Robbins#, Benchley |
| | " 29 | Boston Harbor | 80, Shag Rock | Taber |
| | " 18, July 15 | So. Windsor, Ct. | 1, 3 | MacDavid |
| | July 6 | Washington | 6, 2 imm. | Clement |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | July 11 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1st migrants | Emerson |
| | Scattering reports of summering birds throughout Mass. | | | |
| AMERICAN EGRET: | July 1 | Northampton | 2 | Coombs |
| | " 4 | Topsfield | 2 | Foye |
| | " 11 | Concord | 5 | Greenough |
| LITTLE BLUE HERON: | July 15 | Concord | 1, adult | Armstrong |
| | | Plymouth | several imm. | Hauthaway |
| YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT H'N: | July 10 | Portsmouth, N.H. | 1, adult | Coolidge |
| LEAST BITTERN: | June 18 | Lanesboro | 1 | Taber & Bagg |
| | July 8, 15 | So. Windsor, Conn. | 1, 5 | MacDavid |
| | " 13 | Woburn | 1 | K.C. Elkins |

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| BALDPATE: | June 18, July 13 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1, drake | Emerson |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | July 13 | Little Compton, R.I. | 7, female & young | Emerson |
| AM. GOLDENEYE: | June 26 | Rye, N.H. | 1 | Davis & Robbins |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | June 17 | Huntington | 3, unusual | Cross |
| | July 14 | Plymouth | 12 | Benchley |
| SURF SCOTER: | June 21 | Chilmark, M.V. | 5 | Wakeman |
| AM. SCOTER: | June 16 | Wells, Me. | 15 | Perkins |
| AM. MERGANSER: | June 20-30 | Freedom, N.H. | 1 | Robbins |
| | July 4 | Pittsfield, Rowe | 1, 1 | Clarke, Cotton |
| TURKEY VULTURE: | May | Rhode Island | 1 | Kraus |
| | This bird was erroneously listed in Bulletin No. 6 as a Black Vulture. | | | |
| GOSHAWK: | July 4 | Rowe | 1, rare | Weeks & Cotton |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | June 20 | Dunstable | nest, 3 young | F.T. Elkins |
| | July 8 | Little Compton, R.I. | female | Emerson |
| RED-TAILED HAWK: | June 22 | Fairlee, Vt. | 1, very dark | Eliot & Kraus |
| | July 1 | Salisbury, N.H. | 1 | K.C. Elkins |
| | July 8 & 16 | Martha's Vineyard | 2 | H.V. Greenough |
| BALD EAGLE: | June 19 | Windsor | 1, adult | Clement |
| | " 20 | Ossipee, N.H. | 1, resident | Robbins |
| MARSH HAWK: | June 28 | Wilmot, N.H. | 1, male | K.C. Elkins |
| | | Northampton: | apparently nested again | Eliot |
| OSPREY: | June 21, July 11 | Martha's Vineyard | 1 | Wakeman |
| BOB-WHITE: | July 12 | Belmont | calling daily | F.T. Elkins |
| PURPLE GALLINULE: | June 4, 17 | West Chop, M.V. | 1, very rare | Worden, Eliot |
| FLORIDA GALLINULE: | June 26 | Cheshire Reservoir | many | Madeira |
| | July 9 | Lanesboro | 3 | Kraus |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | July 13 | Little Compton, R.I. | first | Emerson |
| | " 15 | Plymouth | 4 | Benchley |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | July 3 | Plum Island | | Safford |
| | July 7 | Ipswich Beach | 16 | Foye |
| | " 7 | Plymouth Beach | 1 | Benchley |
| HUDSONIAN CURLEW: | July 15 | Plymouth | 1, rare | Hauthaway |
| UPLAND PLOVER: | June | Katama, M.V. | breeding | Hagar |
| | July 9 | Agawam | 9 | Eliot # |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | July 4 | Waltham | 1, early | Bergstrom |
| | " 9 | Lanesboro, Pittsfield | 1, 3 | Eliot # |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | June 24 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1, very late | Emerson |
| | July 4 | Plum Island | first | Safford |
| | " 12 | Martha's Vineyard | 5, first | Wakeman |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | June 24 | Plum Island | 7, early | Safford |
| | July 3 | Plum Island | others | Safford |
| KNOT: | July 7 | Ipswich Beach | 14 | Foye |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | June 29 | Chilmark, M.V. | 1, unhealthy | Wakeman |
| | July 15 | Chilmark, M.V. | 5 | Wakeman |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | July 1 | Concord | 1, early | Eaton |
| | " 3 | Little Compton, R.I. | 3 | Emerson |
| | " 11 | Chilmark, M.V. | first | Wakeman |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | June 28 | Plymouth | 1 | Benchley |
| DOWITCHER: | June 30 | Plymouth | occasional bird to date | Benchley |
| | July 3 | Plum Island | first | Safford |
| | July 15 | Plymouth | 125 | Benchley |

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| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | July 11 | Chilmark, M.V. | first | Wakeman |
| | " 12 | Waltham | 1 | Bergstrom |
| | " 13-15 | Plymouth | 500 | Benchley |
| SANDERLING: | July 15 | Little Compton, R.I. | 9 | Emerson |
| PARASITIC JAEGER: | June 16 | Plymouth | 1, chasing gulls | Benchley |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | Increasing in numbers at end of period. | | | |
| HERRING GULL: | 9 breeding prs., increase over last year, Little Compton, R.I. | | | |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | July 15 | Plymouth | 75 | Benchley |
| LAUGHING GULL: | July 15 | Plymouth | 100, many imm. | Benchley |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | July 15 | Plymouth | 18, few throughout period | Benchley |
| COMMON TERN: | July 8 | Plymouth | first young on wing | Benchley |
| | | Little Compton, R.I. | successful season | Emerson |
| ARCTIC TERN: | July 19 | S.E. corner, M.V. | breeding colony of 10-12 pairs. | |
| | | One young banded. This is S.W. of the farthest S.W. colony hitherto known. | | |
| LEAST TERN: | July 11 | Plymouth | first young on wing | Benchley |
| BLACK TERN: | June 16-20 | Plymouth | 1, adult | Benchley |
| | July 9 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1, adult | Emerson |
| | " 13 | Plymouth | 1, imm. or winter plu. | Benchley |
| YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: | July 15 | Goshen | 1, high altitude | Bagg |
| | More numerous than usual all over west. Mass. | | | |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: | June 25 | Wells River, Vt. | 1, imm. banded, early | Smith |
| BARN OWL: | July 7 | Orange, Ct. | nest, 4 young | MacDavid |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | July 2 | Sherman Station, Me. | 1 | Eliot |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | July 2-4 | Nantucket | 2 | Nash |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER: | | Sanctuary, Lenox | regular | Wallace # |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | June 24 | Fitzwilliam, N.H. | 2 | Taber |
| YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: | July 4 | Hancock, N.H. | 1, rare | Perkins |
| CRESTED FLYCATCHER: | June 23 | Bethel, Me. | fairly far N.E. | Eliot & Kraus |
| OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: | June 26, July 1 | Andover, N.H. | 2 prs. plus 1 | K.C. Elkins |
| | | So. Athol, Phillipston | breeding | Allison |
| TREE SWALLOW: | July 11 | Wells River, Vt. | most resident birds have left | Smith |
| BANK SWALLOW: | | Little Compton, R.I. | 127 breeding pairs in 2 colonies along shore | |
| ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: | Breeding at Wellesley Farms, Little Compton, R.I., Barnstead, N.H. | | | |
| | June 23 | Gorham, N.H. | far north | Eliot & Kraus |
| | " 30 | Andover, N.H. | 2, separate | K.C. Elkins |
| CLIFF SWALLOW: | July 8 | Wells River, Vt. | 1st young on wing | Smith |
| PURPLE MARTIN: | Quite a few breeding colonies reported, extending from Newport, N.H., northeast to Wayne, Me. Greatest numbers near Fryeburg and Lovell, Me. | | | |
| | | | Eliot & Kraus, | Robbins # |
| BROWN-CAPPED CHICKADEE: | June 26-30 | White Mts. | few seen | Robbins |
| | July 5 | Mt. Passaconaway | 2 | Eliot |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | June 26 | Berwick, Me. | 1 | Robbins |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | June 18, 21 | Northfield, October Mt. | 1, 1 | F.T. Elkins, Wallace # |
| | More than usual in hills of western Mass. | | | |
| | | | | Eliot |
| BROWN CREEPER: | July 1 | Sanctuary, Lenox | 1 | Wallace |
| WINTER WREN: | June 21 | October Mt. | 1 | Crichton # |
| | June 25 | Fitzwilliam, N.H. | 2 | Taber |
| CAROLINA WREN: | June 27 | W. Tisbury, M.V. | 1 | Wakeman |
| SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: | June 25 | Fitzwilliam, N.H. | 1, rare | Taber |
| CATBIRD: | July 1 | Grand Isle, Me. | 1, rare, far north | Eliot & Kraus |
| RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: | June 21 | Sanctuary, Lenox | 1, rare | Crichton & Wallace |
| PHILADELPHIA VIREO: | July 5 | Mt. Passaconaway | 1, very rare | Eliot & Kraus |

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| WARBLING VIREO: | June 22 | Littleton, N.H. | rare | Eliot & Kraus |
| WORM-EATING WARBLER: | July 3 | Sanctuary, Lenox | possibly breeds | Wallace |
| TENNESSEE WARBLER: | July 2 | Oak Hill, Me. | 1, rare | Eliot & Kraus |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER: | June 28 | Martha's Vineyard, | her first summer record | Wakeman |
| PARULA WARBLER: | June 26 | Wilmot, N.H. | 1, rare | K.C.Elkins |
| | July 4 | Phillipston | 1, rare | Allison |
| MYRTLE WARBLER: | July 7 | Northampton | 1, rare | Eliot |
| | July 10 | Manchester, N.H. | 1, breeding? | Goellner |
| YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: | July 13 | Manchester, N.H. | 1, well described | Goellner |
| BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: | June 24 | Eustis, Me. | 1, rare | Eliot & Kraus |
| | July 1 | Salisbury, N.H. | pr. breeding? | K.C.Elkins |
| BLACKPOLL WARBLER: | June 18 | Mt. Greylock, C.C.C. Camp | several | Taber |
| | June 26 | Mt. Greylock, summit | 6, breeding? | Madeira |
| PRAIRIE WARBLER: | July 4 | Rowe, near Vt. line | 1, rare | Weeks |
| YELLOW PALM WARBLER: | July 2 | Oak Hill, Me. | breeding | Eliot & Kraus |
| NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: | June 17 | Ashburnham | 1 | Taber |
| | " 20 | Dunstable | 1 | Elkins & Robbins |
| LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: | July 7 | Washington | seen | Clement |
| | " 8 | Northfield | with 2 young | F.T.Elkins |
| | | Sanctuary, Lenox | 2-3 prs. breeding | Wallace# |
| MOURNING WARBLER: | July 2 | Andover, N.H. | 1, rare | K.C.Elkins |
| | | Savoy | | Hendricks |
| YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: | July 9 | Longmeadow | 1 still present | Eliot# |
| ORCHARD ORIOLE: | June 27 | Greenbush | 1 | F.T.Elkins |
| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | July 2 | Oak Hill, Me. | several | Eliot & Kraus |
| INDIGO BUNTING: | | Remarkably numerous in western Mass. extending to summits of the hills, even Greylock. | | |
| | | 5 singing males at Manchester, N.H. during period | | |
| PURPLE FINCH: | | Martha's Vineyard | 1, summering | Worden |
| RED-EYED TOWHEE: | July 4 | Fryeburg, Me. | not common | Eliot & Kraus |
| GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: | June 17 | East Pepperell | 1 | Taber |
| | " 28 | Concord | 1 | Nash |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW: | June 18 | Cheshire, N.H. | 1 | Taber |
| | | West Hartford, Ct. | 2 prs. | Holcomb # |
| ACADIAN SPARROW: | July 3 | Mt. Desert, Me. | breeding as usual | Eliot & Kraus |
| SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: | June 29 | Sagamore | 2 | Nash |
| SEASIDE SPARROW: | | Not breeding this year at Chilmark, M.V.; no longer breeds in Mass. and only rarely in R.I. | | |
| JUNCO: | | Royalston | apparently breeding | Allison |
| | | Sanctuary, Lenox | 3-4 prs. breeding | Wallace |
| FIELD SPARROW: | June 23 | Gilead, Me. | uncommon | Eliot & Kraus |
| | July 4 | Wayne, Me. | uncommon | Eliot & Kraus |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: | | Sanctuary, Lenox | 1 pr. breeding | Wallace |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | July 2 | Oak Hill, Me. | breeding | Eliot & Kraus |

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Though upstate Vermont remained dry and hot, the drought conditions of southern New England were relieved by rains in the second half of August. Cool weather with northerly winds characterized the first half of September.

Land bird migration, even with favorable NW winds, has been disappointing in many sections. While our locally nesting birds had a good season and seemed to melt away early, there is a possibility that the more northern nesters were so delayed by the late spring as still to be behind schedule this fall. Late fall flocks on NW cool waves, therefore, should be worth watching.

Evidence is accumulating that this September's hawk flight has been quite exceptional. Numbers have been seen in various localities on several dates. Of interest to observers in the Boston region is the discovery, by E. A. Bergstrom, that Prospect Hill, Waltham, is a favorable vantage point (on a modest scale) for seeing migrant hawks. He noted flights there on September 7, 11, 12, and 13, when the wind was more or less NW. The best single day was over 90 birds-not notable by Mt. Tom standards, but good for a location only half an hour out of town. This note is intended as a stimulus to observers in all parts of New England to find "hawk mountains" of their own.

Shorebird counts on the Outer Cape are kept with such care and competence by Messrs. Griscom and Hagar that they are detailed herein at some length. They show the concentrations in which these birds gather at times, with early fall "peaks" chiefly of adult birds and later ones of young, and indicate the areas most favored (in a given year). Joined with C. A. Urner's studies along the Jersey coast, they begin to give us a real picture of the shorebirds' behavior during their sojourn with us in their vast migratory sweep southward. The shorebirds are increasing steadily under protection. Their fall gatherings are a beautiful sight and reasonably accessible. The "statistics" of this Bulletin should afford guidance to those who want to see them.

By a recent vote of the Executive Committee, the new subscription price of the Bulletin, while remaining 50¢ for Museum members, has been raised to \$1 a year for non-members. The purpose of this action is twofold: to defray more adequately the costs of mimeographing, mailing, etc., and to direct attention (by granting benefits to members) to the Museum's urgent need of additional membership.

A few subscribers who have failed, through lack of correct address, to receive summer Bulletins are requested to put on a postcard their present whereabouts and the numbers or dates of missed issues, which we will gladly forward.

D. L. G.

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| COMMON LOON: | Sept. 12 | Essex County | flying south, high | Griscom |
| RED-THROATED LOON: | summer | Muscongus Bay, Me. | 2 | Audubon Nature Camp |
| HOLBOELL'S GREBE: | Sept. 10 | Chilmark Pd., M.V. | 1 (very early) | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | abt." 10 | Saybrook, Conn. | 1 | W. M. Remington |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | Aug. 17 | Egremont | with 5 young | Clement |
| SOOTY SHEARWATER: | Aug. 16 | Chilmark | | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | " 26 | Nantucket Sound | 2 | Miss Snow # |

NOTE: For all Shearwaters and pelagic birds on the high seas, see Drury's report, last page,

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| GREATER SHEARWATER: | Aug. 19-26 | Chilmark | several close daily | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | " 26 | Nantucket Sound | 3 or 4 | Miss Snow # |
| | " 27 | off Chatham | 1 | Griscom |
| | Sept. 3 | off Monomoy | 1 | Hill & Cottrells |
| CORY'S SHEARWATER: | Aug. 26-Sept. 10 | off Monomoy | 3-75 | Griscom # |
| | (The dashes signify a progressive increase between the dates.) | | | |
| | Aug. 16, 30 | Newport etc., R.I. | 4, 3 | Emerson, Drury |
| | Several other records, Nantucket Sound or nearby. | | | |
| WILSON'S PETREL: | Aug. 27, Sept. 9 | off Chatham | 100, 12 | Griscom, Eliot # |
| | Way southwestward; "almost none seen east of Casco Bay; Cape Cod bay full of them." (July) Peabody | | | |
| | Aug. 20 | "day east of Boston" | 4210 | Drury |
| GANNET: | Sept. 2, 4 | Nauset, Plum I. | 1, 3 | Griscom, Benchley |
| EUROPEAN CORMORANT: | Sept. 13 | Woods Hole | 1 im. | Mrs. Wakeman |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | Aug. 23, 24 | Ipswich | 2, 75 migrants | Griscom |
| | Sept. 12 | Waltham | 9 by Prospect Hill | Bergstrom |
| | " 15-18 | Tamworth, N. H. | 1 | Lincoln, K. Peabody |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | Sept. 10 | Orleans | 17 in a flock | Benchley |
| | But relatively light fall migration. | | | |
| AMERICAN EGRET: | Aug. 20 | Cromwell, Conn. | 18 | Schmidt |
| | " 28, Sept. 2, 7 | Marshfield | 10 in a flock | Griscom, Hagar # |
| | In rather small numbers but by many observers throughout southern New England. | | | |
| SNOWY EGRET: | Sept. 4 | Marshfield | 1 | Hagar & Garrison |
| | " 14 | " | " | Hill |
| LITTLE BLUE HERON: | Aug. 28 | Marshfield | 8 adult, 3 pied, 5 white | Griscom |
| | Present throughout in varying numbers | | | |
| | Aug. 28 | Norton | 4 | Eliot & Kraus |
| | Sept. 1, 6 | Hyannis, M.V. | 4, 1 | Griscom, Hornblower |
| | A few scattered elsewhere. | | | |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | Aug. 26 | Lenox | 1 im. | Clement |
| YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | Sept. 2 | Marshfield | 4 adult, 7 young | Hagar & Scott |
| | Sept. 3 | Monomoy | 1 | Griscom # |
| AMERICAN BITTERN: | Aug. 17 | Ipswich | 14 | Tousey # |
| LEAST BITTERN: | Sept. 2 | Ipswich | 1 | Mrs. Lord |
| | " 4-9 | Kensington, Conn. | 1 | Carlson |
| COMMON BLACK DUCK: | Aug. 26 | Newburyport Harbor | 200 | F. Kozacka |
| | Sept. 6 | M.V. | 120 (one pond) | Hornblower |
| EUROPEAN WIDGEON: | Sept. 6-13 | M.V. | 3 drakes | Hagar, Hornblower # |
| BALDPATE: | Aug. 21 | Ludlow | 4 im. | Leshure |
| | (Adults seen to May 25 possibly nested nearby.) | | | |
| | Sept. 4, 6 | Little Compton, etc. R.I. | 6, 14 | Emerson, Drury |
| | " 6-16 | M.V. | 17-40 (early) | Hornblower |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | Aug. 27, Sept. 7 | Essex County | 40, 85 | Touseys, Griscom # |
| | A scattering elsewhere throughout. | | | |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | Good numbers reported, especially: | | | |
| | Aug. 17, 26 | Westport, Monomoy | 80, 36 | Bowen, Griscom |
| | " 27, Sept. 13 | Ipswich, W. Newbury | 60, 75 | Tousey, Hill |
| | " 25-29 | Little Compton, R.I. | 161-264 | Emerson |
| | " 30, Sept. 13 | Middletown, etc., R.I. | 120, 40 | Drury, Kraus |
| | Sept. 6-16 | M.V. | 85-100 | Hagar, Hornblower |
| SHOVELER: | Sept. 2 | Wayland | 1 | Morgan |
| | " 13 | W. Newbury | 1 | Eliot & Hawthaway |
| AMERICAN GOLDENEYE: | Sept. 2 | Newburyport | 2 | Mr. & Mrs. Howe |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | Aug. 26 on | Warren, R. I. | 1 female | Bowen |
| | Aug. 30 on | Monomoy | 1 " | Griscom |
| SCOTERS: | Flight light and normal for date. | | | |
| | | | | Benchley |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | Aug. 23, 26 | Essex Co., Monomoy | arriving | Griscom # |
| | Sept. 8 | Monomoy | 500 | Mr. & Mrs. Curtis |

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| AMERICAN SCOTER: | Sept. 8 | Monomoy | 250 | Mr. & Mrs. Curtis |
| RUDDY DUCK: | Sept. 9 | M.V. | 1 male | Hornblower # |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | Sept. 4 | Little Carry Pd.Me. | 2 im. | Bagg |
| GOSHAWK: | Sept. 2 | Plum I. | 1 im. well seen | F. H. Allen, Walcott # |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | Aug. 27,28 | Little Compton,R.I. | first migration | Emerson |
| | Sept. 4 | Chatham | 120 | H. F. & K. Elkins |
| | " 7, 12 | Waltham | 16, 17 | Bergstrom |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | Aug. 27 | Little Compton,R.I. | 4 | Emerson |
| | On September 7 after two clear, cold NW days he saw <u>123 hawks</u> pass in 2 hours. Some were Sharp-shins and Sparrow Hawks, but he thought the majority were Cooper's. (This seems most unlikely.) | | | |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK: | Sept. 3 | Jaffrey, N.H. | 9 | Slade |
| | " 12 | Waltham,Sudbury | 42,38 | Bergstrom,Robbins |
| | Early September Broad-wings noted in many places. Flight over Mt. Tom, Sept. 18, 19, in next Bulletin. | | | |
| SWAINSON'S (?) HAWK: | Aug. 17 | W. Newbury | 1 | Griscom,Curtis, Tousey |
| | A young Buteo observed at close range exhibited, field marks identifying it satisfactorily to Mr. Griscom, less satisfactorily to Messrs. Curtis and Tousey, as this western species. | | | |
| BALD EAGLE: | Aug. 17-26 | Mass. & Conn. | 3 | Safford # |
| | Sept. 10-11 | N. H. & Mass. | 4 | Alexander # |
| OSPREY: | Sept. 9-13 | Waltham | 13 | Bergstrom |
| DUCK HAWK: | Aug. 23 on | throughout a scattering | | Safford # |
| | " 31 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 im. | Saunders |
| | This bird sat on the beach among Gulls. | | | |
| PIGEON HAWK: | Aug. 20 | Monomoy | 1 (early) | Griscom |
| | Good flight throughout, especially Sept. 11-13. | | | |
| SPRUCE GROUSE: | Aug. 29 | Mt. Carrigan, N. H. | 1 | K. Elkins |
| PURPLE GALLINULE: | summer | West Chop | "about three weeks" | F.A.F.Goldthwait |
| FLORIDA GALLINULE: | Aug. 30 | Lenox | 2 adult,7 young | Clement # |
| | " 29-Sept. 2 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 4-3 | Holcomb # |
| COOT: | Sept. 7 | M. V. | 2 | Hornblower |
| | Summered; thought to have tried nesting, unsuccessfully. | | | |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | Aug. 21,23 | Hampton,N.H.,Ipswich | 600,500 | Kozacka,Griscom |
| | " 20,26 | Nauset | 1500, 500 | Griscom |
| | " 30 | " | 160 | Hagar |
| | Sept. 2,10 | " | 500, 75 | Griscom # |
| | Unusual number at peak. Note evidence of "turnover" in September. | | | |
| WILSON'S PLOVER: | Birds so identified were observed at Chilmark (Aug. 23, Mrs. Wakeman) and Chatham (Aug. 29, Hill #) but fully convincing field notes have not been received by the Bulletin. | | | |
| KILDEER: | Aug. 17,Sept. 7 | Essex County | flocks 30,35 | Griscom |
| | " 26,28 | Middletown,R.I. | " 90,50 | Drury |
| GOLDEN PLOVER: | Aug. 25 | R. I., Plum I. | first | Emerson#,Safford |
| | About 20 reports thereafter, at points from Plum I.to Niantic, Conn., record 1 to 4 individuals. Exceptions: | | | |
| | Sept. 5 | Nauset | 15 | W. P. Wharton |
| | " 4 | over Newburyport | "all-day flight" | C.M.Richardson |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | Aug. 28,30 | Ipswich beach | 900 (notable) | Mr. & Mrs. Curtis |
| | " 19,20 | Monomoy,Nauset | 550, 1250 | Griscom |
| | " 31,30 | " " | 350, 500 | Hagar |
| | Sept. 4,10 | " " | 120, 425 | Griscom,Hagar |

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| RUDDY TURNSTONE: | Aug. 19,20 | Monomoy,Nauset | 150, 100 | Griscom |
| | Sept. 10 | " " | 2, 3 | Griscom,Hagar |
| TURNSTONE, SP.?: | On Sept. 6 at Chilmark Mrs. Wakeman observed a shorebird the description of which agrees in all particulars with adult <u>Black Turnstone</u> . As the species seems not to have occurred <u>previously east</u> of the Pacific Coast, the admissibility of this sight record is embarrassing to rule upon. | | | |
| WILSON'S SNIPE: | Sept. 12 | Lynnfield | 5 transients | Griscom |
| | At dawn, flying in from the north. | | | |
| HUDSONIAN CURLEW: | Good flight in Essex County and relatively poor early flight on Cape Cod. In Rhode Island Curlew arrived after the late August storms. High counts: | | | |
| | Aug. 30 | Little Compton,R.I. | 12 | Emerson |
| | Sept. 4 | Annisquam | 11 | K. Tousey |
| | " 4 | Monomoy | 20 | Griscom # |
| UPLAND PLOVER: | Aug. 18,Sept. 6 | M.V. | 6 | Hagar |
| | 1 to 4 noted in the Newburyport and Chatham regions, at Sagamore, and in the Newport, R. I., and Hartford, Conn. regions, up through the first week of September. | | | |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | Aug. 17 | Orange, Vt. | 8 | K. Elkins |
| | " 25 | Northampton | 12 | Riedel |
| | Not 100o/o "solitary". Good fall flight. | | | |
| EASTERN WILLET: | Aug. 20-22 | Nauset | 1 | Griscom,
Miss Stebbins |
| | " 26,Sept. 2 | " | 2, 1 | Griscom |
| | " 30 | Monomoy | 1 | Garrison,Griscom # |
| | Sept. 12 | Edgartown | 1 almost certain | Bagg |
| WESTERN WILLET: | Aug. 16 | Popham Beach, Me. | 1 | Cruickshank # |
| | " 17-Sept.2 | Essex Co. | 1 to 4 | K. Tousey,Howe # |
| | " 20,31 on | Scituate,Revere | 2, 4 | Gleason,Miss Snow# |
| | Aug. 20-30 | Nauset | 3-7 | Griscom # |
| | " 19-30 | Monomoy | 14-8 | " |
| | Sept. 2,3,10 | Nauset | 15,20,13 | numerous observers |
| | " 2-10 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1-2 | Saunders |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | Aug. 30,31 | Nauset,Monomoy | 200,150 (most) | Hagar |
| | Sept. 12 | Ipswich | 132 (Clark's Pond) | Griscom |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | Aug. 17,24 | Essex County | 1300,300 | Griscom |
| | " 20,19 | Nauset,Monomoy | 50, 1 | " |
| | Sept. 10,12 | " ,Essex Co. | 2,200 | " |
| KNOT: | Aug. 20 | Marshfield | 600 | Hagar |
| | " 20-26 | Nauset | 1100-500 | Griscom |
| | Sept. 10 | " | 100 | " |
| | Few at Monomoy this year. Not a great many in Essex County. | | | |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER: | Aug. 16,17 | Newbury,Nauset | 21,10 | Alexander,Griscom |
| | " 18 | Pittsfield | 1 | Hendricks |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | Aug. 16,23 | Ipswich beach | 2, 15 | Curtis # |
| | Sept. 2,10 | Nauset | 40,14 | Griscom # |
| | Aug. 26,27 | Newport,R.I. | 6,12 | Drury |
| BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: | Sept. 12 | Monomoy | 1 | Hagar |
| | " 13 | Plum I. | 1 | Eliot & Hawthaway |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | Sept. 3 | Nauset | 100 (estimated) | Garrison |
| | Generally small numbers throughout. | | | |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | Sept. 6 | Chilmark | 2 | Mrs. Wakeman |
| EASTERN DOWITCHER: | Aug. 17-Sept. 12 | Newburyport | 500-70 | Griscom # |
| | " 20- " | 10 Nauset | 500-15 | " # |
| LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: | Aug. 17,25,29 | Little Compton,R.I. | 5,6,5 | Emerson |
| | Very well studied by telescope; bills considered "one-third again as long" as nearby Easterns'. | | | |
| | Aug. 27-Sept. 11 | Newport, R. I. | Total of 4 | Drury |
| | Sept. 3,10 | Ipswich,Nauset | 4,2 | Howe, Griscom |

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| STILT SANDPIPER: | Aug. 16, Sept. 7 | Ipswich | 6 | Mr. & Mrs. Curtis # |
| | Generally 1 plus at Clark's Pd. throughout. | | | Also 1, 1 Marsh- |
| | field, Nauset. | | | |
| | Aug. 25-Sept. 1 | Winchester | 2 | Miss Snow # |
| | " 26 | Little Compton, R. I. | 6 | Emerson |
| | " 26, 27-8 | Newport, R. I. | 2, 9 | Drury |
| | " 28 | Norton | 4 | Eliot & Kraus |
| SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER: | Aug. 17-Sept. 12 | Essex County | 2500-500 | Griscom |
| | " 19, 20 | Monomoy, Nauset | 1000, 10000 | " |
| | " 24 | Andover, N. H. | first local record | F. Elkins |
| | Sept. 10 | Enfield, N. H. | 10 | Weaver |
| WESTERN SANDPIPER: | Aug. 21 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | Sept. 2, 10 | Nauset | 6, 20 plus | Griscom # |
| | One or two reported from half a dozen other places. | | | |
| MARBLED GODWIT: | Aug. 16 | Popham Beach, Me. | 1 | Cruikshank # |
| | Sept. 2-12 | Ipswich | 2 or 3 indiv's. | Dreyfus # |
| | Aug. 21-Sept. 3 | Nauset | 1-2 | Miss Stebbins # |
| | Sept. 5, 10 | " | 4, 3 | Hill # |
| | " 4 | Monomoy | 1 | Griscom |
| | " 5, 12 | M. V. | 1, 1 | Hagar, Bagg # |
| HUDSONIAN GODWIT: | Sept. 5 | Nauset | 20 | W. P. Wharton |
| | Apparently adult. They flew out S while being observed. | | | |
| SANDERLING: | Aug. 19, 20 | Monomoy, Nauset | 1000, 200 | Griscom |
| | " 31, 30 | " " | 60, 60 | Hagar |
| | Sept. 4, 10 | " " | 200, 200 | numerous observers |
| NORTHERN PHALAROPE: | Aug. 20 | day east of Boston | 1450 | Drury |
| | " 22 | Cape Cod Bay | 150 | Morgan |
| | " 24 | off Manchester | 175 | Curtis # |
| | Individuals and small groups recorded at many shore points after heavy weather. | | | |
| | They "apparently follow the Mackerel" (presumably the same bait) and have "in many cases been closer to the shore than usual" this season. | | | |
| | late Aug. | Passamaquoddy Bay | 10,000's as usual | Peabody |
| WILSON'S PHALAROPE: | Sept. 4 | Ipswich Bay | 1 (near beach) | Miss Snow, Howes |
| POMARINE JAEGER: | Aug. 20 | off Sable I., N.S. | 1 | Drury |
| | " 31 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | H. G. Smith |
| | Sept. 6 | Chilmark | 1 | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | " 14 | Duxbury | 2 | Gifford |
| PARASITIC JAEGER: | Aug. 16 | Popham Beach, Me. | 2 | Cruikshank # |
| | " 20, Sept. 10 | Marshfield, Nauset | 1, 1 | Hagar |
| | Sept. 3 | Ipswich | 1 | Brookline Bird Cl. |
| HERRING GULL: | Aug. 28 | L. Winnepesaukee, N.H. | (number?) | Pratt |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | Aug. 21 | Lakeman's Harbor, Me. | 1 | Peabody & Walcotts |
| | Sept. 4 | Monomoy | 29 | Griscom |
| | Peak of <u>poor</u> early flight. | | | |
| FORSTER'S TERN: | Aug. 16, 23 | M.V., Ipswich | 1, 1 | Wakeman, Tousey # |
| | " 26, 30 | Newport, R. I. | 1, 1 | Drury |
| | " 30 | Monomoy | 1 adult | Bishop # |
| | Sept. 3, 4 | Ipswich, Marshfield | 1, 1 young | Robbins, Hagar |
| COMMON TERN: | July 30 | Northampton | 2 | Eliot & Weeks |
| | Third Conn. Val. record (2 from the hurricane). | | | |
| | Aug. 30 | Andover, N. H. | 1 | K. Elkins |
| | First locally. Weather fair but NE storm along coast. | | | |
| | Aug. 30, Sept. 2 | Lowell, Me. | 4 | Madeira |
| | Sept. 3 | Fairfield, Conn. | apparent albino | H. G. Smith |
| | Pure white with light orange bill and feet. | | | |
| ARTIC TERN: | Aug. 23 | Ipswich | 2 adult 1 young | Tousey # |
| | " 25-Sept. 10 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 to 4 | Saunders |

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| ARCTIC TERN: | On seven dates. Studying the late summer tern flock at Penfield Reef with the greatest care, he is convinced of the above identification and that "the Arctic Tern is a regular migrant here in late August and early September." | | |
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| LEAST TERN: | Sept. 20 | M.V. | still present Mrs. Wakeman |
| CASPIAN TERN: | Aug. 30 | Nauset | 30 young being fed Hagar |
| | Aug. 28 | off Sagamore | 1 Hill |
| | Sept. 5 | Little Compton, R.I. | 3 Emerson |
| BLACK TERN: | Aug. 21 | Ludlow | 1 (rare) Leshure |
| | " 23 | Ipswich | 14 Tousey # |
| | Unusually good flight in Essex County and particularly poor showing on the outer Cape. Good numbers along R.I. and Conn. shore. | | |
| | Aug. 21-29 | Fairfield, Conn. | 8 plus, daily Saunders |
| SOOTY TERN: | Aug. 17 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 adult Miss S. Doleman |
| | With 30 Common Terns. Seen at 100 ft. with 12X glasses; fully and well described. | | H. G. Smith |
| | | | J. Polseno |
| BLACK SKIMMER: | Aug. 11 | Nauset | 2 adults Eliot & Kraus |
| | " 22-24 | " | 1 Miss Stebbins |
| RAZOR-BILLED AUK: | Aug. 25 | Machias Seal Rock, Me. | 25 pairs Peabody |
| ATLANTIC MURRE: | Sept. 4 | Mt. Desert I., Me. | 1 well seen Dietrich |
| BLACK GUILLEMOT: | summer | Maine coast marked increase | Peabody |
| PUFFIN: | summer | Machias Seal Rock, Me. | 700 pairs Peabody |
| | Also a small colony now reported from Matinicus I. | | |
| MOURNING DOVE: | Aug. 17 | N. Edgecomb, Me. | 2 Cruickshank # |
| BARN OWL: | Aug. 31 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 Belden |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | Sept. 6 | Wayland | 1 Morgan |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | Sept. 15 | Monomoy | 1 Morgan |
| SAW-WHET OWL: | Aug. 10-20 | Lovell, Me. | heard repeatedly Madeira |
| | Sept. 10 | Granville, Vt. | 3 Mr. & Mrs. Tousey |
| WHIP-POOR-WILL: | Sept. 12-13 | Jaffrey, N.H. | many G.B. Wellman |
| | CORRECTION: Bulletin No. 5 was in error in showing a whip-poor-will on April 18. Cross's Huntington record should stand April 28. | | |
| NIGHTHAWK: | Aug. 20-Sept. 3 | Conn. Val. | "usual great flights" Eliot |
| | Sept. 8, 15, 16 | " " | small flocks " # |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT: | Aug. 22 | Winchester, N.H. | 400 J. H. Campbell |
| | They were watched flying in a 200 ft circle (generally counter-clockwise and always so when entering) as they went to roost in two chimneys. One chimney got practically, but not quite, all of those that entered during 15 minutes' observation. | | |
| | Sept. 9 | Newport, R.I. | 200 (with swallows) Drury |
| | " 12 | Lenox | 200 plus Clement |
| RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: | Aug. 18 | Ossipee, N. H. | Perkins |
| | "Waiting patiently for a sapsucker to finish drilling. | | |
| EASTERN KINGBIRD: | Aug. 20-21 | Chatham region marked migration | Griscom |
| | " 31 | Wells River, Vt. | last Smith |
| | Sept. 1, 17 | Northampton, Auburn | last Eliot |
| | "The farther east one goes, the later they're found." | | |
| | Sept. 6-16 | M.V. | est. total 40 Hornblower # |
| ARKANSAS KINGBIRD: | Sept. 3 | Ipswich | 1 R. G. Lord |
| | " 7, 12 | Monomoy | 1 (same?) Hill, Hagar |
| | " 10 | Little Compton, R.I. | 2 Emerson |
| | " 13 | W. Newbury | 1 Eliot |
| CRESTED FLYCATCHER: | Aug. 31 | Wells River, Vt. | last Smith |
| | Sept. 4 | Eastham | 1 (rare) Miss Stebbins |

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| YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: | Sept. 10 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| | A few others observed earlier. | | | Eliot # |
| ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: | summer | Jamestown, R.I. | 2 pairs | A. M. Clark |
| | Established themselves and raised young. | | | |
| ALDER FLYCATCHER: | Sept. 3 | Wells River, Vt. | last | Smith |
| | " 8 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| LEAST FLYCATCHER: | Sept. 13 | Cambridge | 1 (late) | Griscom |
| WOOD PEWEE: | Aug. 28 | Huntington | 2 young | Cross |
| | Hatched Aug. 13, left nest Aug. 28. This family had been watched since the female began refurbishing the nest used by first brood; is evidence that 2 broods are raised. | | | |
| OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: | Aug. 15-16, 19 | Andover, N.H. | 1, 2 | K. Elkins |
| | Sept. 2 | Hartford, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid |
| | " 9 | Concord | 1 | K. Elkins |
| TREE SWALLOW: | Aug. 15 | Caribou to Portland, Me. | | Weaver |
| | Flocks congregating on the wires. | | | |
| | Aug. 16 | Ipswich | 2000 plus | Alexander |
| | Sept. 3, 9 | " | 1000, 500 | Mr. & Mrs. Howe |
| | " 9 | Northampton | last | Eliot |
| | " 14 | Portsmouth, R.I. | 1200 | Bowen |
| BANK SWALLOW: | Sept. 7, 11 | Northampton, Plum I. | last, 8 | Eliot, Alexander |
| | " 12 | E, Matunuck, R.I. | many | Kraus |
| ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: | Aug. 21 | Fairfield, Conn. | last seen | Saunders |
| BARN SWALLOW: | till Sept. 8, 15 | Fairfield, Conn. | many, some | Saunders |
| CLIFF SWALLOW: | Sept. 10 | Williamsburg | last | Graves |
| PURPLE MARTIN: | Aug. 28 | Kingston | 2 juv. | Eliot & Kraus |
| | " 29 | Little Compton, R.I. | 8 | Emerson |
| | Sept. 6 | Rye, N. H. | 1 passing | Alexander |
| ACADIAN CHICKADEE: | Aug. 29 | Mt. Carrigan, N.H. | 2 | K. Elkins |
| | Sept. 2 | Carry Pd., Me. | 1 | Bagg |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Aug. 23 | Waltham | 1 heard | Bergstrom |
| | Duxbury, Aug. 23; Chatham, Aug. 28; Conn. Val., Sept. 1. | | | |
| BROWN CREEPER: | Aug. 28-30 | Wareham | 1 | Bergstrom |
| | Sept. 1, 8 | Sudbury, Northampton | 1, 1 | Robbins, Eliot |
| | (Earliest date in lowlands of Conn. Val.) | | | |
| WINTER WREN: | Aug. 30 | Lenox | young about to leave | Crichton |
| | Sept. 6, 12 | Belmont, Beverly | first | S. Robbins, Perkins |
| CAROLINA WREN: | Aug. 26, 27 | Chatham | 1, 3 | Conkey, Eliot # |
| | Sept. 4 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 singing | Saunders |
| LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: | Aug. 16 | Bath, Me. colony (& old nests) | | Cruikshank # |
| CATBIRD: | Sept. 6-16 | Squibnocket, M.V. | 20 (total) | Hornblower |
| ROBIN: | Aug. 18, 19 | N. Chester | eggs laid | H. E. Woods |
| WOOD THRUSH: | Sept. 9 | Hanover, N. H. | 1 | Weaver |
| GREY-CHEEKED THRUSH: | Sept. 13 | Wells River, Vt. | migrants | Smith |
| | "...at dawn a fairly large flock ... flew over." | | | |
| VEERY: | Sept. 3 | Wells River, Vt. | last | Smith |
| | " 7, 12 | Boxford, Topsfield | 8, 1 heard | Griscom |
| BLUE-GREY GNATCATCHER: | Manomet | Sept. 12-17 | 2-1 | Roger Ernst |
| PIPIT: | Sept. 8-9 | M.V., | present | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | " 12 | Mt. Camel's Hump, Vt. | 1 | Tousey |
| | " 13 | Plum I. | 4 | Hill |
| CEDAR WAXING: | Aug. 21, 30 | Carry Pd., Me. | common, last flock | Bagg |
| | Unusually common & widespread in Mass., late August on. | | | |
| | Griscom, and Hagar | | | |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE: | Aug. 23-26 | Sagamore | 1 | Hill |
| | Sept. 1 | Boscawen, N. H. | 1 | Mrs. Kellogg |
| | " 1, 3 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1, 1 | Saunders |
| | " 3, 6 | N. Chatham, M.V. | 1, 1 | Elkinses, Hagar |
| | On same post as September 2, 1937. | | | |
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| WHITE-EYED VIREO: | summer | Jamestown, R. I. | 1 pair, <u>1st</u> time | A. M. Clark |
| | Sept. 1 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| BLUE-HEADED VIREO: | Sept. 6 | Belmont | 1 (local early) | S. Robbins |
| | " 12 | W. Peabody | migrant, singing | Griscom |
| RED-EYED VIREO: | Sept. 15-16 | Mt. Tom | 10 (Goat Peak) | F. & H. Elkins |
| PHILADELPHIA VIREO: | Sept. 2 | Jaffrey, N. H. | 1 | Wellman |
| | Sept. 8 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| | Sept. 13 | Cambridge | 1 | Griscom |
| WARBLING VIREO: | Sept. 12-15 | Hanover, N.H. | several singing | Weaver |
| BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: | Aug. 17 | Cambridge | first transient | Griscom |
| GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: | Aug. 17 | Manchester, N.H. | 1 (local record) | Goellner |
| | " 28 | Warren, R. I. | female 1 | Bowen |
| BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: | summer | Jamestown, R.I. | dozen pairs | Clark |
| | Sept. 2 | W. Newbury | 1 | Miss Snow, Harrod # |
| | " 9 | Tisbury, M.V. | 1 adult male | Hornblower, Atkins # |
| TENNESSEE WARBLER: | Sept. 8 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| | " 8, 12 | Northampton, W. Peabody | 1, 1 | Eliot, Griscom |
| | " 15 | Manomet | 1 | Mrs. Ernst |
| | In wave of variety but small numbers, Sept. 13-16. | | | |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER: | Sept. 5-7 | Mass. | several | Mrs. Worden # |
| PARULA WARBLER: | Sept. 6 on | Mass. & Conn. | transients | various observers |
| YELLOW WARBLER: | Aug. 29 | Gloucester | last | S. Robbins |
| MAGNOLIA WARBLER: | Aug. 25-Sept. 10 | Mass., R.I., Conn. | 10 total | various observers |
| CAPE MAY WARBLER: | Sept. 7-8 | M. V. | 6 | Hornblower, E. Long # |
| | " 10-11 | Nantucket | 3 | Bagg |
| | " 10 | Hartford, Conn. | 2 | MacDavid |
| BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: | Aug. 28 | Wareham | 1 female | Bergstrom |
| | Sept. 1 | Nahant | 1 male (early) | Nash & Caswell |
| | " 1 | Warren, R. I. | 1 " | Bowen |
| | " 14 | Jaffrey, N. H. | still in song | Wellman |
| MYRTLE WARBLER: | Sept. 7 | Belmont | first transient | S. Robbins |
| BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: | Sept. 6 | Belmont | first transient | S. Robbins |
| | Sept. 13 | Mt. Tom | adult feeding juv. | Mrs. D.A. Riedel |
| BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: | Sept. 10 | Wells River, Vt. | 10 | Smith |
| | " 9, 13 | Tisbury, Manomet | 1, 1 | Hornblower #, Ernst |
| BLACKPOLL WARBLER: | Sept. 4 | Ipswich | 1 | R. Hogg |
| | " 9, 10 | Hartford, Conn. | 8, 23 | MacDavid |
| | " 12 | eastern Mass. | general arrival | Griscom & Nash |
| PRAIRIE WARBLER: | Aug. 17 | Manchester, N. H. | 1 | Goellner |
| | " 28-Sept. 5 | Mass. & Conn. | active migration | Griscom & Saunders |
| WESTERN PALM WARBLER: | Sept. 6, 7-8 | Belmont, M. V. | first, 5 | S. Robbins, Atkins |
| | " 12, 16 | M.V., Manomet | 1, 1 | Bagg, Mrs. Ernst |
| YELLOW PALM WARBLER: | Sept. 8 | Wells River, Vt. | 5 | Smith |
| NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: | Aug. 14-Sept. 10 | Mass. & R. I. | Doz. transients | doz. observers |
| CONNECTICUT WARBLER: | Sept. 11 | Wells R., Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| | " 11 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| | " 11 | Longmeadow | 1 | Leshure |
| MOURNING WARBLER: | Aug. 16 | Andover, N.H. | still singing | K. Elkins |
| | Sept. 7 | Chatham | 1 male | Hill |
| YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: | summer | Jamestown, R.I. | sizable colony | Clark |
| | Sept. 13 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1 | Emerson |
| WILSON'S WARBLER: | Aug. 22-Sept. 13 | throughout | 9 total | numerous observer |
| CANADA WARBLER: | Sept. 7-8 | M.V. | 4 total | Hornblower # |
| | " 11, 13 | Northampton, Manomet | 1, 1 | Eliot, Mrs. Ernst |
| BOBOLINK: | Sept. 7, 14 | Fairfield, Conn. | many, few | Saunders |
| YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: | Sept. 13 | Pittsfield | pair (county rec.) | Mrs. W. K. Henry |

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| DICKCISSEL: | Sept. 7-9 | Squibnocket, M.V. | 1 im. male | Hornblower, Atkins # |
| WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: | Aug. 19, 21 | Medomak reg., Me. | 4, 1 | Cruickshank # |
| GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: | Sept. 6 | M.V. | 2 | Hagar |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW: | Aug. 31 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | Belden |
| ACADIAN SPARROW: | Aug. 16 | Popham Beach, Me. | 6 (breeds) | Cruickshank # |
| | Sept. 13 | Newburyport | several | Eliot & Hauthaway |
| SEASIDE SPARROW: | summer | Jamestown, R.I. | increase | Clark |
| | Aug. 26 | Newport, R. I. | 1 | Drury |
| VESPER SPARROW: | Sept. 1-5 | Penn. to N. H. | migrating flocks | Weaver |
| LARK SPARROW: | Sept. 9-10 | Nantucket | 3 adult, 1 yg. | Bagg |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | Sept. 10, 12 | Granville, Vt., Lynnfield | 1, 1 | Tousey, Griscom |

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W. Drury, Jr., returned from England by the northern route, and made a careful count of pelagic birds, August 17-20. While these are not strictly "New England records", they relate to our species and are of exceptional intrinsic interest.

| | <u>Aug. 17</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>20</u> | |
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| SOOTY SHEARWATER: | 2 | 1 | | 1 | |
| GREATER SHEARWATER: | 38 | 430 | 12 | 18 | |
| AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: | 1 | | | | (Possibly Manx ? - D. L. G.) |
| FULMAR: | | 4 | | | |
| LEACH'S PETREL: | 77 | 146 | 203 | 98 | |
| WILSON'S PETREL: | 16 | 236 | 17 | 4210 | |
| NORTHERN PHALAROPE: | | | 1 | 1450 | |
| POMARINE JAEGER: | | | | 1 | Off Sable Island. |

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The weather was unusually cool, but without extreme temperature drops or general freeze-ups.

Straggling land birds continued to be reported at surprisingly late dates, perhaps because the seasonal cooling off was so gradual rather than abrupt.

Fresh water ducks in numbers pleasant to contemplate were found at various places.

Seafowl also appeared in force. Benchley counted Scoters for a fifth and final week as they passed Manomet Point, and brought his total to about 102,000 birds! Just what proportion of these stopped over in the vicinity of Monomoy is hard to say, but for weeks there have been vast numbers of Scoters and Old-squaws at their fall feeding grounds over Stone Horse and Handkerchief Shoals. This is one of the sights of the New England Coast - a wintry, grey-green sea, with tossing rafts of hundreds, or thousands, of ducks scattered upon it as far as the eye can see. Sometimes a "mile of ocean" will seem to rise in the air at once, as a flock of birds drifted by the tide take wing and shift to better feeding grounds.

The wintering population of Eiders has just begun to arrive.

A few Goshawks have been seen in southern New England and more to the northward.

Winter finches have scarcely arrived except for Pine Grosbeaks, which have turned up in numerous localities.

No less than seven Arkansas Kingbirds were noted, from New Hampshire south.

Still rarer visitors included Swans, a Black Gyrfalcon, European Black-headed Gull, and Bohemian Waxwing.

PLEASE NOTE that Bulletin No. 12 of this series will include six weeks, through December, so that numbers may run by calendar months hereafter. Contributors are requested to send in their notes by the fifth of each month, if possible, rather than the twentieth, as formerly.

For the commoner species, the records below do not pretend to include all reports but attempt to picture major migratory activities, by showing typical peak dates (and places) together with certain extreme dates. Rarer occurrences are detailed at length.

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| RED-THROATED LOON: | Sept. 30 | Bar Harbor, Me. | 1 (uncommon) | Gross |
| | Oct. 22 | Plum I. | 25 | Emilio, Griscom # |
| | A scattering thereafter along Mass., R.I., and Conn. shores. | | | |
| HOLBOELL'S GREBE: | Oct. 27, Nov. 4 | Holyoke | 2, 1 | Leshure, Eliot |
| | Nov. 2 | Blue Hill, Me. | 3 | arrived Martha Brewer |
| | Nov. 12 | Essex Co. | 6 | Mr. & Mrs. Curtis |
| HORNED GREBE: | Oct. 15 | Blue Hill, Me. | 5 | Brewer |
| | " 20, Nov. 13 | Holyoke, Pittsfield | 1, 1 | Eliot #, Hendricks |
| | Nov. 4, 13 | Orleans | 1, 10 | Benchley |

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| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | Oct. 22 | Concord | 18 | K. Elkins |
| | Nov. 5 | Hanover, N.H. | last 2 | Weaver |
| | " 11 | Boxford, Cambridge | 1,1 | Emilio #, Nash |
| GREATER SHEARWATER: | Oct. 22 | off Chilmark | 1 | Mrs. Edey |
| CORY'S SHEARWATER: | Oct. 24,30 | off Oak Bluffs | 6,2 | Mrs. Edey |
| GANNET: | Oct. 22 | along Plum I. | many 100's | Emilio, Tousey # |
| | Great number that day also at Rockport (Perkins) and at Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard (Walcott). | | | |
| | Oct. 24, Nov. 12 | off Monomoy | 150,3 | Griscom, Scott # |
| | " 28 | Matunuck, R.I. | many passing | Kraus |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | Nov. 11 | Ludlow | 1 im. late | Bagg & Conkey |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | Nov. 15 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | Many November dates throughout; small numbers. | | | |
| AMERICAN EGRET: | Oct. 27 | Northampton | 2 | Combs |
| GREEN HERON: | Oct. 16 | Lenox, Gay Head | 1,1 last | Wallace, Mrs. Edey |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | Oct. 20, 29 | Northampton, Ipswich | 1,3 | Eliot, Griscom |
| | Nov. 14 | Portland, Me. | 1 | W. Kellogg |
| AMERICAN BITTERN: | Oct. 16 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | Nov. 12 | Monomoy etc. | 3 | Scott # |
| MUTE SWAN: | Oct. 28-Nov. 12 | Newport, R.I. | 1 "wild bird" | D. Emerson |
| WHISTLING SWAN: | Nov. 2 | Cohasset | 1 | May |
| | " 4-18 | N. Scituate | 1 (same?) | Hill, Fletcher # |
| | Seen by many observers at Musquashiat Pd. (Hatherly Rd.). | | | |
| | Nov. 3 (?) | Barnstable | 1 shot | |
| | The law breakers were convicted by the State and heavily fined. | | | |
| | It is of interest that a friend in Cleveland, Ohio, reports a flight of several 100 Swans near there on October 31. | | | |
| CANADA GOOSE: | Very good fall flight throughout. | | | |
| | Nov. 11 | over Orleans | 200 plus | Benchley |
| | " 12 | Martha's Vineyard | 2000 | fide Hagar |
| | " 13 | Hanover, N.H. | 450 | Weaver |
| | " 13 | Northampton, etc. | 100's | Eliot # |
| BRANT: | Oct. 16-21 | past Manomet | 115 | Benchley |
| | Nov. 11, 12 | Rockport, Monomoy | 10, 12 | Fosters, Griscom # |
| MALLARD: | Nov. 12 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 25 | Weaver |
| | 1-4 in several other localities also reported as wild. | | | |
| BLACK DUCK: | Oct. 21 | Newburyport | 1200 | R. K. Henry # |
| | Nov. 12 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 4000 | Weaver |
| | " 12 | E. Dennis, etc. | 900 | Scott, Griscom # |
| | " 12 | Newport, R.I. | 300 | Wright & Emerson |
| | On the Cape Benchley reports departure of native birds and arrival of winter Red-legs; now about 50-50. | | | |
| GADWALL: | Nov. 4 | Ludlow | 2 | Eliot |
| | " 12 | Eastham | 1 Great Pd. | Griscom, Scott # |
| EUROPEAN WIDGEON: | Oct. 29 | Middletown, R.I. | 4 | Drury |
| | " 29 & Nov. 5 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | Nov. 12 | Newport, R.I. | 2 | Wright & Emerson |
| | " 16 | Poucha Pd., M.V. | 1 | Hagar |
| BALDPATE: | Oct. 22 | Little Compton, R.I. | 500 | Emerson |
| | " 29 | Middletown, R.I. | 1500 | Drury |
| | Nov. 12 | Newport, R. I. | 1000 | Emerson |
| | " 16 | Martha's Vineyard | 500 | Hagar |
| | 2-13 at various localities in Mass., chiefly in Oct. | | | |

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| PINTAIL: | Oct. 22 | Essex County | 39 | (good) | Griscom, Taber # |
| | " 27-Nov. 12 | Conn. Val. | 6 | | Eliot, Combs # |
| | Nov. 5 | Pittsfield | 5 | | Hendricks # |
| | " 12 | Sand Bar Ref., Vt. | 25 | | Weaver |
| | " 12 | Newport, R.I. | 25 | | Wright & Emerson |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | Oct. 21 | Concord | 300 | | Cottrell |
| | " 22 | Essex County | 536 | (good) | Griscom, Eaton # |
| | " 22 | Little Compton, R.I. | 80 | | Emerson |
| | Nov. 5 | So. Sudbury | 80 | | Scott |
| | " 11 | Northampton | 18-20 | | Bagg |
| | " 12 | Sand Bar Ref., Vt. | 200 | | Weaver |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | Oct. 21, 23 | Concord | 30, a few | | Eaton, Cottrell |
| SHOVELER: | Oct. 21-Nov. 4 | Concord | 1 | | Cottrell, Walcott # |
| | " 23 | " | 2 | shot | (H.V. Bigelow) |
| | " 28-30 | Springfield | 1 | | Leshure |
| | Nov. 12 | Sand Bar Ref., Vt. | 1 | | Weaver |
| | " 12 | Newport, R.I. | 5 | | Emerson & Wright |
| | " 13 | Eastham | 1 | | Benchley |
| WOOD DUCK: | Oct. 27 | Boston Public Garden | 1 | drake | R. Batcheslder # |
| | " 21 | Waltham | 139 | | Litchfield & Bergstrom |
| | Nov. 8 | " | 60 | flock | Warden Parlee |
| | " 16 | Sand Bar Ref., Vt. | 11 | shot | Weaver |
| | General departure earlier in most areas. | | | | |
| REDHEAD: | Oct. 26, Nov. 4 | Agawam, Ludlow | 1, 1 | | Leshure, Eliot |
| | Nov. 4 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 2 | | Kraus |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | Oct. 22-Nov. 3 | Holyoke, etc. | total 15 | | Kraus, Bagg # |
| | " 22, " 5 | Peabody, Groveland | 3, 35 | | Emilio, Alexander # |
| | Nov. 1-15 | Eastham | 10-35 | | Benchley |
| | " 4 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 150 | | Kraus |
| | " 12 | Little Quitticas Pd. | 235 | | Nash |
| CANVASBACK: | Oct. 21, Nov. 12 | Ludlow, Agawam | 1, 1 | | Bagg, Eliot # |
| | " 21, " 12 | Newport, etc., R.I. | 1, 1 | | Kraus, Emerson # |
| | Nov. 4 | Worden's Pd., R.I. | 10 | | " |
| | " 5 | Groveland | 1 | | Alexander & Emilio |
| GREATER SCAUP: | Oct. 21 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 1500-2000 | | Kraus |
| | " 22 | Newburyport | 1500 | | Griscom ## |
| | Nov. 5 | Lynn Bay | several 100 | | K. Elkins |
| | " 12 | Orleans etc. | 550 | | Scott, Garrison # |
| LESSER SCAUP: | Nov. 4 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 100 est. | | Kraus |
| | " 12 | Eastham, etc. | 110 est. | | Scott, Griscom # |
| | 2-30 at many points from Hanover, N.H., south and east. | | | | |
| AMERICAN GOLDENEYE: | Oct. 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 6 | first | Weaver |
| | " 25 | Ludlow | first (equals C.V. earliest) | | Leshure |
| | Arrival on time but in small numbers along the coast. | | | | |
| BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: | Nov. 15 | Cambridge | 1 | (Fresh Pd.) | Nash |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | Throughout, on time and in good numbers. | | | | |
| OLD-SQUAW: | Oct. 16-21 | past Manomet | 78 | | Benchley |
| | " 16 | Martha's Vineyard | first | | Mrs. Edey |
| | " 25 | Ludlow | pair | | Leshure |
| | " 24 | off Monomoy | 9000 est. | | Griscom, Bishop # |
| | Nov. 12 | " " | 35000 " | | Garrison, Griscom # |
| | Estimates of this uncountable multitude by seven observers varied substantially. | | | | |
| HARLEQUIN: | Nov. 11 | off Rockport | 3 | | Griscom & Fosters |

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| AMERICAN EIDER: | Nov. 8 | over Eastham | 300 | Benchley |
| | " 12,13 | off Monomoy, Orleans | 50, 150 | Scott #, Benchley |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | Oct. 16-21 | past Manomet | 2424 (73%) | Benchley |
| | " 19,23,Nov.5 | Pittsfield | some | Hendricks # |
| | " 26 | Agawam | only 1 in C.V. this fall | Leshure |
| | " 24 | off Monomoy | 15000 est. | Griscom, Bishop # |
| | Nov. 12 | " " | 30000 | Garrison, Griscom # |
| | "Average" of estimates by Bradfords, Cottrells, Scott and the above. | | | |
| SURF SCOTER: | Oct. 16-21 | past Manomet | 520 (16%) | Benchley |
| | " 24 | Hanover, N. H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | " 24 | off Monomoy | several 1000 | Griscom, Bishop # |
| | Nov. 12 | off Orleans, etc. | 35 | Garrison, Griscom # |
| AMERICAN SCOTER: | Oct. 16-21 | past Manomet | 260 (11%) | Benchley |
| | " 27 | Pittsfield | 40 | Hendricks |
| | " 24 | off Monomoy | several 1000 | Bishop, Griscom # |
| | Nov. 12 | " " | a few 100 | Bradford, Griscom # |
| RUDDY DUCK: | Oct. 20-Nov. 5 | western Mass. | total 5, 2 | Eliot #, Hendricks |
| | Nov. 1 | Hanover, N.H. | 2 | Weaver |
| | Oct. 22 | Essex Co. | 23 | Emilio, Griscom # |
| | Nov. 12 | Brewster, etc. | 120 | Cottrell, Griscom # |
| | " 4 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 100 | Kraus |
| | " 12 | Newport, R.I. | 180 | Wright & Emerson |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | Oct. 15, Nov. 12 | Ludlow | 1,7 | Riedel, Taber |
| | Nov. 4 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 15 | Kraus |
| | Rather small numbers reported from many other places. | | | |
| AMERICAN MERGANSER: | Oct. 16 | Hancock, N.H. | 6 | Perkins |
| | " 21,25 | Ludlow, Cambridge | first | Bagg, Nash |
| RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: | Oct. 24,29 | Monomoy, Ipswich | 200, 300 | Griscom # |
| | Nov. 5,12 | Pittsfield, Conn. Val. | 1,6 | Hendricks #, Eliot # |
| TURKEY VULTURE: | Oct. 28, Nov. 8 | Harwinton, Conn. | 1 | Griswold |
| GOSHAWK: | Oct. 30 | Mt. Tom | 4 in 1½ hr. | Hagar |
| | Nov. 4-5 | Corbin Park, N.H. | 16 | T. Barbour |
| | Oct. 21-Nov. 11, single birds at Bar Harbor, Me., Andover, N.H., Mt. Tom, Granby, Newbury, Chester, Princeton, Mass., and Hartford, Conn. | | | |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | Oct. 21 | Mt. Tom | 181 | H. & F. Elkins |
| | Many other reports throughout. | | | |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | Oct. 21 | Mt. Tom | 5 | Elkinses |
| | 10 other single birds reported. | | | |
| RED-TAILED HAWK: | Oct. 29 | Williamstown, etc. | 31 | Hagar |
| | " 29,30 | Mt. Tom | 14,33 | Weaver, Hagar |
| | Plus a scattering throughout. | | | |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | Oct. 21,30 | Mt. Tom | 14,30 | Elkinses, Hagar |
| | Also a scattering throughout. | | | |
| ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: | Sept. 19 | Ludlow | 1 "carefully ident'd" | Leshure |
| | Oct. 29 | N.Y.S. near Williamstown | 1 | Hagar |
| | Nov. 4 | Royalston, Plum I. | 1,1 | Allison, Crain # |
| | " 14 | over Saugus | 1 | F. Elkins |
| | " | Hanover, N. H. | 1 | Weaver |
| BALD EAGLE: | Oct. 24,25 | Belmont, Princeton | 1,1 | Robbins, Gregory |
| | since Oct. 7 | Conn. Val. | none; 10 before | Eliot |
| MARSH HAWK: | Oct. 21,29 | Mt. Tom | 5,3 | Elkinses, Weaver |
| OSPREY: | Nov. 10 | Waltham | last | Parlee # |

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| BLACK GYRFALCON: | Nov. 7 | Monomoy | 1 | Hagar |
| DUCK HAWK: | Nov. 8,13 | Cambridge | 1 (rare) | Nash,Griscom |
| PIGEON HAWK: | Nov. 12 | Monomoy | 1 late | Griscom,Garrison# |
| RUFFED GROUSE: | Good numbers at N. Stratford & Ossipee, N.H. (Johnson,Pratt) | | | |
| VIRGINIA RAIL: | Nov. 10 | Bar Harbor, Me. | 1 banded | Heston |
| | Second Island record. Caught by cat, released unhurt. | | | |
| | Nov. 12 | Exeter, N.H. | 1 | State latest T.W.Lamont,II |
| | Found dead at foot of Church Tower. | | | |
| | Nov. 5 | N. Easton | 1 | well seen Wood |
| SORA: | Oct. 29 | W. Newbury | 1 | still Emilio & Alexander |
| COOT: | Oct. 13,17 | Southwick,Holyoke | 2,1 | Leshure |
| | " 21,22 | W.Newbury,Concord | 27,37 | Morgan#,K,Elkins |
| | Nov.4,1-15 | Scituate,Eastham | 79,40 | Hill,Benchley |
| | Oct.28-Nov.12 | Newport, R.I. | 600-900 | Emerson |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | Nov. 4 | E. Matunuck,R.I. | last | Kraus |
| | " 10 | Annisquam | 1 | K. Tousey |
| WILSON'S PLOVER: | Oct.16,25 | Ludlow | 1 | Leshure |
| | "very closely approached, well identified, heard---" | | | |
| KILLDEER: | Oct. 29 | Little Compton,R.I. | 70 | Emerson |
| | Nov. 15 | Hatfield | 2 | still Riedel |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | Oct. 29 | Pittsfield | 1 | Hendricks # |
| | Nov. 12 | 2 to 30 at various coastal points. | | |
| WOODCOCK: | Oct. 24 | New Britain,Conn. | 19 | Schmidt |
| | Very poor flight indicated elsewhere. | | | |
| WILSON'S SNIPE: | Oct. 20 | Conn. Val. | last,except 1 | Nov.4 Eliot,Bagg |
| | " 22 | Lynnfield | 20 | Griscom,Emilio # |
| SPOTTED SANDPIPER: | Oct. 19,23 | Ludlow,Whately | last | Leshure, Eliot |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | Nov. 5 | Ludlow | 1 | latest ever in C.V. Riedel |
| | Hanover, N.H., Oct. 17,Holyoke,Petersham,Oct.20,21 also late. | | | |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | Nov. 11,15 | Nauset | 200, few | Benchley |
| | Many reports, small numbers, elsewhere. | | | |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | Oct. 22,Nov.1 | Newburyport | 30,1 | Griscom#,Perkins |
| | Nov. 12 | Eastham, etc. | 5 | Scott,Griscom # |
| KNOT: | Oct. 22 | Nahant | 3 | Taber & Stackpole |
| | " 24,Nov.12 | Monomoy | 2 | Garrison,Griscom# |
| PURPLE SANDPIPER: | Nov. 11 | Rockport,Cohasset | 40,200 | Foster#,Chase # |
| | " 11 | Little Compton,R.I. | 9 | Clement |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER: | Oct. 29 | Pittsfield | sev. Berkshire Co. | latest Hendricks |
| | Nov. 3 | Easthampton | 2 | last Riedel |
| | " 12 | W. Newbury | 4 | Mr. & Mrs. Tousey |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | Oct.21,Nov.4 | W. Newb.,Plum.I. | 4,1 | Gleason#,Crain # |
| | " 24," 12 | Monomoy | 1,2 | Bishop#,Cottrell# |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | Oct.21-22 | W. Newbury | 1 | late Garrison,Griscom# |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | Oct.6,Nov.3 | Holyoke | 2,1 | rare Stebbins,Bagg # |
| | " 22-30 | Plum I. | 500-750 | Griscom#,Curtises |
| | Nov. 4,15 | Duxbury, Nauset | 500,600 | Garrison,Benchley |
| LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER | Oct.21-Nov.12 | W. Newbury | 7-1 | Morgan#,Alexander |
| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | Oct. 21 | W. Newbury | 4 | Garrison,Westcott# |
| | Nov. 12 | Nauset | 2 | (or Western?) Griscom # |
| WESTERN SANDPIPER: | Oct. 21 | W. Newbury | 1 | Garrison,Cook # |
| MARBLD GODWIT: | Nov. 15 | Nauset | 1 | Benchley |
| HUDSONIAN GODWIT: | Oct. 29 | Plum I. | 1 | Emilio & Alexander |
| SANDERLING: | Nov. 12 | Monomoy | 150 | Scott,Bradford # |
| RED PHALAROPE: | Oct. 29 | Ipswich Beach | 2 | Griscom |
| | Nov. 3-10 | Mt.Desert Rock,Me. | 1 | (shot) Sullivan |
| | " 12 | Monomoy | 2 | close-by Bradfords,Scott# |

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| NORTHERN PHALAROPE: | Nov. 12 | Monomoy | 1 | with above | Cottrells, Griscom # |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | Nov. 11 | E. Gloucester | 1 | | Fosters & Griscom |
| HERRING GULL: | Various inland Vt. & N. H. records, Weaver and others. | | | | |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | Oct. 28, 29 | Matunuck, etc., R.I. | 45 | | Kraus |
| | " 24-Nov. 12 | Monomoy | about 100 | | Griscom |
| | Nov. 12 | Sand Bar Ref., Vt. | 3 | | Weaver |
| BLACK-HEADED GULL: | Nov. 11 on | Newburyport | 1 | adult | Emilio ## |
| LAUGHING GULL: | Nov. 14 | Quincy | 150 | still | Hagar |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL; | Oct. 6, 21 | Holyoke, Springfield | 2, 1 | rare | Weeks, Bagg |
| | Nov. 6, 18 | Revere, Newburyport | 125, 115 | | Garrison # |
| KITTIWAKE: | Nov. 4 | Duxbury | 1 | found dead | F. Young |
| COMMON TERN: | Nov. 4 | Plum I. | 1 | | Crain & B.B.C. |
| | Oct. 29-Nov. 5 | Sandwich | 32-8 | | Hill |
| | Nov. 12 | E. Dennis | 10 | | Garrison, Griscom # |
| BRÜNNICH'S MURRE: | Nov. 7 | Monomoy | 1 | | Hagar |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: | Oct. 24 | Monomoy | 1 | State latest | Griscom, Bishop # |
| BARRED OWL: | Nov. 7 | Cambridge | 1 | transient | Amos Murphy # |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | Oct. 31 | Groton | 1 | captured | E. Mason |
| | Nov. 1 | Northampton | 1 | | Leshure |
| | " 11 on | Belmont | 1 | seen | Robbins # |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | Oct. 29-Nov. 15 | Several at coastal points. | | | |
| SAW-WHET OWL: | Oct. 17, 20 | Amesbury, Northfield | 1, 1 | | Kozacka, Elkinses |
| | " 25 | Wells River, Vt. | last | | Smith |
| | Nov. 6 | Ossipee, N.H. | 1 | | Mrs. E.E. Pratt |
| | " 5, 9 | Belmont, Reading | 1, 1 | | Hill #, Turner |
| | 2 or 3 of these Saw-whets were found dead. | | | | |
| RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: | Oct. 5 | Hadley | 1 | late | Leshure |
| YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: | Oct. 16, 22 | N'hampton, Cambridge | last | | Wakeman, Drury |
| ARKANSAS KINGBIRD: | Oct. 21 | Ludlow | 1 | 2nd in C.V. ever | Bagg |
| | " 29 | Wing's Neck Light | 1 | | Hill |
| | Nov. 1 | Hammonasset, Conn. | 1 | | Meigs |
| | " 2 | Manchester, N.H. | 1 | well seen | Goellner |
| | " 4-5 | Pt. Judith, R.I. | 1 | | Kraus |
| | 100 yds. from where one was seen Oct. 7. | | | | |
| | Nov. 9 | Dennis | 1 | | J. Olivia Crowell |
| | " 15 | Orleans | 1 | Sampson's I. | Hagar |
| CRESTED FLYCATCHER: | Oct. 12-16 | Edgartown | 1 | well seen | Mrs. Worden |
| PHOEBE: | Nov. 2 | Williamsburg | 1 | singing | Graves |
| | Gen. departure Oct. 16 (Wells River, Vt.) to 29 (So. County, R.I.) | | | | |
| OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: | Oct. 22 | Chilmark | 1 | | Mrs. Edey |
| | Apparently "thoroughly studied and described." | | | | |
| NORTHERN HORNED LARK: | Oct. 24-Nov. 7 | Blue Hill, Me. | 1000 plus | | M. Brewer |
| | Arrived across the bay from Mt. Desert Island. | | | | |
| | Oct. 24 | Northampton | first | | Eliot |
| | Nov. 10 | Annisquam | 200 | | K. Tousey |
| PRAIRIE HORNED LARK: | Nov. 2 | Manchester, N.H. | 1 | | Goellner |
| | " 5 | Plum I. | 3 | | Emilio & Alexander |
| TREE SWALLOW: | Oct. 29 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1 | | Emerson |
| BARN SWALLOW: | Oct. 27 | Williamsburg | 2 | C.V. latest ever | Bagg |
| | " 29 | Sandwich, etc. | 16 | | Hill |
| | Nov. 7 | Blue Hill, Me. | 1 | | M. Brewer |
| | " 12 | Newport, R.I. | 1 | "late" | Emerson & Wright |
| CROW: | Oct. 29 | Mt. Tom | 350 | plus | Robbins |
| | Nov. 11 | Wells River, Vt. | apparently last | | Smith |

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| ACADIAN CHICKADEE: | Nov. 5 | Smart's Mt., N.H. | 2 | Weaver |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Throughout but very few. | | | |
| BROWN CREEPER: | Still fewer: about a dozen reported. | | | |
| HOUSE WREN: | Oct. 18 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| WINTER WREN: | Oct. 18 | Chester | 14 | Woods |
| | A dozen other reports, one of 6 birds (Williamsburg) | | | |
| CAROLINA WREN: | Oct. 25 | Westport | 1 | Allen, Bent, Tyler |
| LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: | Oct. 29 | Quonochontaug, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| MOCKINGBIRD: | Oct. 24 | Monomoy | 1 | Bishop # |
| | " 26-Nov. 4 | Andover, N.H. | 1-2 | K. Elkins # |
| | Reported back at feeders in Edgartown and Andover (Brooks Sch.) | | | |
| CATBIRD: | Nov. 2, 1-9 | Northampton, Amherst | 1, 1 | Wakeman, Smith |
| BROWN THRASHER: | Nov. 4-15 | Northampton | 1 | C.V. latest ever Combs |
| ROBIN: | Oct. 19 | Waltham | 190 | to roost Bergstrom & Robbins |
| | Nov. 4 | Topsfield | 1000- | at roost Lawson |
| | Oct. 29-30 | Mt. Desert, Me. | peak | Mrs. Anthony |
| | since Nov. 6 | Conn. Val. | scarce | Eliot |
| | Oct. 22, Nov. 13 | Hanover, N.H., reg. | 180, 1 | Weaver |
| | Nov. 13 | Orleans | big flight | Benchley |
| HERMIT THRUSH: | Oct. 15, 22 | Wells River, Vt. | many, last | Smith |
| | Nov. 5 | Conn. Val. | "last normal" | Eliot |
| | Stayers: Hartford, Nov. 11; Amherst, Nov. 13; Cambridge, Nov. 17. | | | |
| OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: | Oct. 4, 13, 15, 16 | Conn. Val. | present | Eliot |
| | " 22 | Grafton | last | Ekblaw |
| BLUEBIRD: | Many reports through October. | | | |
| | Nov. 3 | Williamsburg | 100 plus | Graves |
| | A diminishing flock spends nights in Cliff Swallow nests! | | | |
| GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: | Flight moderate. | | | |
| | Nov. 15 | Manchester, N.H. | 3 (still) | Goellner |
| RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: | Nov. 11 | Northeast Harbor, Me. | 1 | Sullivan |
| | " 15 | Easthampton | last | Riedel |
| PIPIT: | Good flight. In particular: | | | |
| | Oct. 18, Nov. 2 | Quabbin floor, Belmont | 120, 120 | Hagar, Robbins |
| | " 23 | Hammonasset, Conn. | 100 plus | Meigs |
| | "filled the air like Swallows." | | | |
| | Nov. 3 | Wells River, Vt. | last | Smith |
| BOHEMIAN WAXWING: | Nov. 3-12 | Amherst | 1 | Mrs. Staples ## |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | Nov. 12-13 | Amherst | 2-3 | Staples, Eliot # |
| | Oct. 23 | Wells River, Vt. | last | Smith |
| | " 18, Nov. 13 | Lenox | 40, 1 | Wallace |
| NORTHERN SHRIKE: | Oct. 26, 30 | Marshfield, Amherst | first | Hagar |
| | Nov. 12 | Concord | 1 singing | H. & F. Elkins |
| | Sixteen others, throughout. | | | |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE: | Oct. 21 | Martha's Vineyard | 1 | Mrs. Edey |
| | Nov. 12 | W. Newbury | 1 | Alexander |
| STARLING: | Nov. 9 | Bar Harbor, Me. | common | Mrs. Anthony |
| | " 12 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 1000 | Weaver |
| BLUE-HEADED VIREO: | Oct. 20, 25 | Conn. Val. | last | Eliot |
| RED-EYED VIREO: | Oct. 16 | Edgartown | 1 | Mrs. Worden |
| | " 26-Nov. 6 | Cambridge | 1 frayed | Griscom |
| ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: | Oct. 16, 24 | Cambridge, Chatham | 1, 2 | Parker #, Griscom # |
| | " 16, 24 | Northampton | 1, 1 | Wakeman, Eliot |
| | Nov. 1 | Lenox | 1 | first Berkshire rec. Wallace |
| | " 2, 4 | Belmont, Plum I. | 1, 1 | Robbins, Crain # |
| | " 10, 15 | Cambridge | 1, 1 | Nash |

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| MAGNOLIA WARBLER: | Oct. 4, 13, 16 | Northampton | present | Eliot |
| | " 16 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | " 20 | Cambridge | 1 last | Yatsuhashi # |
| BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: | Oct. 16 | N. Andover | 1 male | Root |
| | Oct. 27-Nov. 13 | Easthampton | 1 " | Riedel, Merrick |
| | Nov. 1 | Amherst | 1 " | Clement |
| | Dates unprecedented in Conn. Val. | | | |
| MYRTLE WARBLER: | Oct. 24 | Chatham region | 100 to 150 | Griscom, Bishop # |
| | Nov. 18 | Savoy | 1 late | S. W. Bailey |
| BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: | Oct. 26 | Easthampton | last | Riedel |
| | Nov. 2, 8 | Belmont | " | Robbins, F. Elkins # |
| BLACKPOLL WARBLER: | Nov. 5 | Cambridge | last seen | Griscom |
| | " 7 | Martha's Vineyard | 1 | Mrs. Worden |
| PINE WARBLER: | Oct. 21, 22 | Holyoke, Cambridge | last | Bagg, Drury |
| | Nov. 15 | Orleans region | present | Benchley |
| WESTERN PALM WARBLER: | Oct. 24 | Monomoy | 15 | Griscom, Bishop # |
| | " 15-Nov. 12 | throuthout | about 20 | many observers |
| YELLOW PALM WARBLER: | Oct. 16 | Ossipee, N.H. | "most" | Mrs. Pratt |
| | Sept. 24-Oct. 23 | Conn. Val. | "season" | Eliot |
| | Nov. 10 | Manchester, N.H. | 1 | Goëllner |
| | " 17 | Cohasset | 1 | F. H. Allen |
| NORTHERN YELLOWTHROAT: | Oct. 22 | W. Lebanon, N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | " 26 | Lenox | 1 Berkshire latest ever | Wallace |
| <u>YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:</u> | Oct. 29-Nov. 2 | Winchester | 1 | Miss Snow # |
| | Nov. 22 on | " | to feeder | Carl K. Small |
| REDSTART: | Oct. 5, 7 | Northampton, Athol | 1, 1 | Eliot, Allison |
| | " 24 | Monomoy | 1 last | Griscom, Bishop # |
| MEADOWLARK: | Oct. 29 | Middletown, R.I. | 70 in flock | Drury |
| | Nov. 3 | Wells River, Vt. | last | Smith |
| RED-WING: | Nov. 2 | Manchester, N.H. | 13 | Goellner |
| | " 4 | Concord | 1000 | Walcott |
| | " 7, 11 | Belmont, Hamilton | 175, 150 | Robbins, Fosters # |
| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | Nov. 4 | Ossipee, N.H. | last | Mrs. Pratt |
| BRONZED GRACKLE: | Many reports, Oct. 17 (Edgartown) to Nov. 13 (Ossipee) but no vast flocks (over 500) mentioned. | | | |
| COWBIRD: | Oct. 22 | S. Windsor, Conn. | about 500 | Schmidt |
| | Nov. 2, 11 | Belmont, Hamilton | 250, 50 | Robbins, Fosters # |
| | " 5 | Huntington | 1 | Cross |
| | Has lived with English Sparrows for two months. | | | |
| SCARLET TANAGER: | Oct. 18, 20, 29 | Cambridge | 1 Mt. Auburn | Parker # |
| INDIGO BUNTING: | Oct. 16 | Edgartown | 1 | Mrs. Worden |
| DICKCISSEL: | Oct. 17-19 | Edgartown | 1 near house | Mrs. Worden |
| <u>EVENING GROSBEAK:</u> | Nov. 9 | Hanover, N.H. | 5 | Weaver |
| | " 12 | Princeton | 2 | Gregory |
| PURPLE FINCH: | Oct. 31 | Wells River, Vt. | last | Smith |
| | Very few mentioned by correspondents. | | | |
| <u>PINE GROSBEAK:</u> | Nov. 3, 5, 9 | Hanover Ctr., N.H. | 10, 9, 9 | Weaver |
| | " 3 | Northampton | 3 | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | " 9 | Belmont | 1 not vigorous | Vogel |
| | " 12 | Hartford, Conn. | 2 | MacDavid & Hoffman |
| | Numerous other reports, especially from New Hampshire. | | | |
| REDPOLL: | Oct. 25 | Wells River, Vt. | first | Smith |
| | Nov. 7, 9, 11 | Williamsburg | 11 maximum | Graves |
| PINE SISKIN: | Oct. 29 | Mt. Monadnock, N.H. | 10 | J. R. Wood |
| | " 31 | Easthampton | 1 | Mrs. McIntosh |
| | Nov. 12 | Princeton, Waltham | several, 4 | Kraus, Bergstrom |

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| WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: | Oct. 29 | Mt. Kearsage, N.H. | 1 | K. Elkins |
| TOWHEE: | Nov. 3,4 | Conn. Val. | 1,1 | Graves, Bagg |
| | " 12 | Greenville, N.H. | 1 | Gregory |
| IPSWICH SPARROW: | Oct. 29 | Essex Co. | 19 | Alexander, Griscom # |
| | Nov. 4 | E. Matunuck, R.I. | first 5 | Kraus |
| SAVANNAH SPARROW: | Nov. 2,8 | Belmont | 27,1 | F. Elkins & Robbins |
| | " 14-16 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW: | Oct. 21 | Wells River, Vt. | last | Smith |
| | Nov. 4 | E. Matunuck, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| ACADIAN SPARROW: | Oct. 22, Nov. 5 | Newburyport | 10,1 | Alexander # |
| SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: | Oct. 22 | Newburyport | 1 | Eaton # |
| "JAMES BAY" SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: | Eliot recommends "Northern" rather than "James Bay" as the racial name for this Sparrow, as less "local". Some that he sees have burnt orange rather than pale yellow on the face, and have fine, red-brown breast-streaks, like a Lincoln Sparrow's. | | | |
| | Oct. 5 | Hadley | first | Leshure |
| | " 22 | Northampton | last | Bagg |
| SEASIDE SPARROW: | CORRECTION: at Plum I. in last Bulletin should read Oct. 2, instead of October 1. | | | |
| | Nov. 4 | E. Matunuck, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| VESPER SPARROW: | Nov. 3,7 | Manchester, N.H. | 3,1 | Goellner |
| | " 4,11 | Gloucester | 1 | Miss Snow |
| JUNCO: | Numerous and very widely distributed. | | | Miss Snow # |
| | Oct. 22, 29 | W. Lebanon, Manchester, N.H. | peaks | Weaver, Goellner |
| | " 24, 29 | Monomoy, Essex Co. | 200, 1000 | Bishop #, Alexander |
| | Nov. 13 | Lenox | last | Wallace |
| TREE SPARROW: | Oct. 14, 22 | Amherst, Bedford | first, first (30) | Cutler, Clemensson |
| CHIPPING SPARROW: | Nov. 7, 8 | Winchester, Bedford | 1, last (20) | Snow, Clemensson |
| | " 9 | Norwich, Vt. | 1 | Robbins |
| | " 12 | Manchester, N.H. | 1 | Goellner |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: | Oct. 24 | Monomoy | 10 | Griscom, Garrison # |
| | Many other October records. | | | |
| | Nov. 4, 9 | Gloucester, Andover | 1, 1 | Miss Snow, Root |
| | " 5, 13 | Athol, Williamsburg | 2, 1 | Graves, Allison |
| FOX SPARROW: | Plentiful, widespread flight throughout - 28 reports. | | | |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | Oct. 15 | Nahant | 1 | Alexander & Emilio |
| | " 22, 24 | Northampton | 1, 1 (new C.V. latest) | Kraus, Eliot |
| | Nov. 12 | W. Newbury | 1 straggler | Alexander |
| SWAMP SPARROW: | Nov. 8 | Manchester, N.H. | 2 | Goellner |
| | " 4, 10 | Northampton | stragglers | Eliot |
| SONG SPARROW: | Oct. 21-23 | eastern Mass. | much in evidence Bergstrom # | |
| LAPLAND LONGSPUR: | Nov. 10 | Annisquam | 15 | K. Tousey |
| | Oct. 21-Nov. 11 | Mass. coast | 1 to 10 | 8 correspondents |
| SNOW BUNTING: | Oct. 21, 29 | Manomet, Essex Co. | first, 100 | Benchley, Griscom |
| | Nov. 11 | Little Compton, R.I. | 100 | Emerson |
| | Flight normal, in good numbers, throughout. | | | |

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New England's land bird population, as 1939 drew to a close, was at a low ebb. Around Wells River, Vermont, no summer resident birds remained, and even Crows and Juncos were lacking. Christmas censuses in eastern Massachusetts revealed rather small numbers of such species as could be found, and lingering summer birds were not present in every corner of the landscape, as they were last year. A cold wave, from November 19th on, seemed to mark the turning point from fall to winter birding (Alexander). The fact that this occurred at a time when the migratory instinct was still present in lingering transients is probably the explanation for their departure southward (Griscom). If cold weather is delayed till after the season when birds feel an urge to migrate, they are likely to stay on, even if overwhelmed by frost and snow.

Most shore-birds had gone by mid-November. Winter gulls and alcids (auks, murres, etc.) were scarce throughout December. The duck flight was punctual and good. Emerson reports from southeastern Rhode Island substantial gains for most of the fresh-water ducks of that area. Hawks and eagles have been well represented.

A severe cold wave after Christmas seemed to turn the season once more, bringing Snowy Owls, northern gulls (Ivory Gulls in January, off Essex County) and other real winter birds, especially along the coast.

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As usual, the records below cannot possibly include all observations reported, but show rare occurrences and try to indicate main trends of bird populations.

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| COMMON LOON: | Nov. 19 | Brattleboro, Vt. | 1 | Bagg # |
| | Dec. 25 | Middletown, R.I. | 25 | Drury |
| | Few wintering coastally. | | | |
| PACIFIC LOON: | Dec. 10 | Monomoy Pt. | 1 adult | Griscoms & Fosters |
| RED-THROATED LOON: | Nov. 19 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | Schmidt, Hoffman # |
| | " 23 | Saybrook, etc. " | 8 | Beckwith & Hunt |
| | Scattered wintering records coastwise. | | | |
| HOLBOELL'S GREBE: | Nov. 19, Dec. 25 | Middletown, R.I. | 24, 3 | Drury |
| | Scattered wintering records coastwise. | | | |
| HORNED GREBE: | Nov. 18 | Brattleboro, Vt. | 1 | Bagg # |
| | " 19 | Newburyport | 15 | Griscom & Garrison |
| | No great number noted wintering. | | | |
| <u>WESTERN GREBE:</u> | Nov. 17 | off Cohasset | 1 | F. H. Allen |

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| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | Nov. 29 | Southwick | 1 | Stebbins |
| | until Dec. 10 | Eastham | 1 (Great Pond) | Benchley # |
| GANNET: | Dec. 3, 17 | Pt. Judith, R.I. | 7, 3 | Kraus |
| | " 10, 21 | off Chatham | 2, 1 | Griscom # |
| | " 31 | Martha's Vineyard | 1 | Elkinses # |
| EUROPEAN CORMORANT: | Nov. 19, Dec. 25 | Middletown, R.I. | 250, 140 | Drury |
| | Dec. 24 | off Gloucester, etc. | 96 | Cape Ann Census |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | Nov. 19 | Plum I. | last | Emilio & Alexander |
| | " 19 | Middletown, R.I. | 100 | Drury |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | Nov. 19, 29 | S. Windsor, Vt., Agawam | 1, 1 | Bagg #, Stebbins |
| | Dec. 5-8 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Campbell |
| | " 14 + | Monhegan I., Me. | 1 | Mrs. J. A. Townsend |
| | " 21 | Eastham region | 31 | Cape Cod Census |
| | Further December records from Milton, Dedham, Needham, Newburyport, Gloucester, and numerous points in southern New England. | | | |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | Dec. 27 | Cambridge | 2 | Hill |
| | throughout | Orleans region | 35 plus | Benchley |
| | Dec. 23, 28 (etc.) | Westport, Conn. | roost | Saunders |
| | Birds have returned to a day roost in spruces alongside the Post Road almost in the center of town where they used to stay regularly until 1934 or 5. | | | |
| AMERICAN BITTERN: | Nov. 19 | E. Matunuck, R.I. | last 2 | Kraus |
| | Dec. 3 | Warren, R.I. | 1 | Bowen |
| | about Dec. 14 | Monhegan I., Me. | 1 | Townsend |
| CANADA GOOSE: | Dec. 9 | over S. Hadley | 11 | A. M. Bagg |
| | " 18 | " New Britain, Conn. | 30 | Schmidt # |
| | " 15-16 | Martha's Vineyard | 550 (plus) | J. & F. Hagar & Garrison |
| | " 15 | Eastham region | 2300 | Benchley |
| | " 21 | " " | 1230 | Cape Cod Census |
| BRANT: | Nov. 18 | off Plum I. | 10 | Griscom & Garrison |
| | Dec. 4, 21 | Brewster shore | 68, 15 | Benchley # |
| SNOW GOOSE: | Nov. 16-17 | Harwinton, Conn. | 200+ "spent night" | Griswold |
| BLACK DUCK: | Dec. 5 | Franklin, Hancock Co., Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| | " 2 | Martha's Vineyard | 150 (one pond) | Hornblower |
| | " 15 | Eastham region | 9800 | Benchley |
| | More than for some years. Unusual flock of 5000 off Brewster. | | | |
| | Dec. 21 | Eastham region | 5600 | Cape Cod Census |
| | " 24 | off Rockport, etc. | 315 | Cape Ann Census |
| | " 28 | Newburyport, Lynn | 850, 500 | Kozacka, Garrison |
| | " 23, 25 | Lit. Compton, Newport, R.I. | 516, 567 | Emerson, Drury |
| GADWALL: | Nov. 18 | Squantum | 1 | Miss Snow # |
| | " 19 | Eastham | 1 (Great Pd.) | Curtises & Sherrills |
| EUROPEAN WIDGEON: | Dec. 10 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 15 | Poucha Pd., M.V. | 4 drakes | J. & F. Hagar & Garrison |
| BALDPATE: | Nov. 19 | Middletown, R.I. | 780 | Drury |
| | Dec. 2-3 | Martha's Vineyard | 350-425 | Hornblower |
| | New arrivals watched dropping into pond from high overhead. | | | |
| | Dec. 15 | Poucha Pd., M.V. | 1000 | Hagar & Garrison |
| | " 23, 31 | Lit. Compton, Newport, R.I. | 75, 13 | Emerson, Drury |
| PINTAIL: | Nov. 16, 28 | Springfield | 2, 1 | Stebbins |
| | " 19-Dec. 25 | Middletown, R.I. | 24-5 | Drury |
| | Dec. 2-3 | Martha's Vineyard | 150-100 | Hornblower |
| | " 23 | Westport | 14 | Emerson |

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| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | Nov. 26 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 25 | peak | Kraus |
| | Dec. 2 | Martha's Vineyard | 50 | | Hornblower |
| | | Biggest Connecticut flight he has ever seen. | | | Saunders |
| | Dec. 23 | Easton, Conn. | 22 | | " |
| | | 1 to 20 birds noted in 10 other places, practically all southern New England by December. | | | |
| SHOVELER: | throughout | Martha's Vineyard | 1 | drake | Hornblower # |
| | | A semi-tame repeater that came first in the spring of 1938. | | | |
| | Nov. 16, throughout | Nauset, Eastham | 1,1 | | Benchley |
| | Dec. 3 | Ipswich | 1 | drake | Emilio & Alexander |
| | Nov. 23 | Newport, R.I. | 8 | females | Bowen |
| | Dec. 25 | Middletown, R.I. | 3 | | Drury |
| WOOD DUCK: | Dec. 10 on | Brookline | 1 | (Leverett's Pd.) | Shattuck # |
| | throughout | Arlington | 1 | (Spy Pd.) | Hill |
| | " | Fairfield, Conn. | pair | | Saunders |
| REDHEAD: | Nov. 16, Dec. 15 | Poucha Pd., M.V. | 25, 160 | | Hagar # |
| | Dec. 2-3 | Squib. Pd., M.V. | 70-125 | | Hornblower |
| | till Dec. 26 | (freeze-up) Eastham | 5 | | Benchley # |
| | Dec. 2 on | Brookline | usual | drake | H. Pratt # # |
| | " 10 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 1 | | Kraus |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | Nov. 19 | Lakeville | 456 | (Lit. Quitticas) | Elkinses |
| | " 25-30 | " | 350-270 | | Stackpole |
| | " 26 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 134 | (peak) | Coman & Kraus |
| | Dec. 3 | Martha's Vineyard | 4 | | Hornblower |
| | " 8 | Holyoke | 3 | | Wakeman |
| | " 21 | Eastham region | 61 | | Cape Cod Census |
| CANVASBACK: | Nov. 16, Dec. 16 | Martha's Vineyard | 20, 6 | | Hagar # |
| | Dec. 2-3 | " " | 45-55 | | Hornblower |
| | Nov. 19 | Lakeville | 1 | | F. & K. Elkins |
| | " 22-Dec. 26 | Eastham | 1 | (plus 1 Dec. 21) | Benchley # |
| | " 19 | Middletown, R.I. | 2 | | Drury |
| | till Nov. 26 | Worden's Pd., R.I. | 30 | | Kraus |
| | Dec. 1, 17 | Watchaug Pd., " | 12, 2 | | " |
| | " 3 | Essex Cove, Conn. | 1 | | MacDavid, Hoffman # |
| | " 23 | Saybrook, " | 1 | | Bulkeley |
| SCAUP: | Nov. 18 | Brattleboro, Vt. | 15 | | Bagg # |
| | " 26 | Agawam | 2 | | " |
| | " 19, Dec. 31 | Middletown, R.I. | 250, 1450 | | Drury |
| | " 30 | Bristol, R.I. | 10000 | | Mr. & Mrs. Curtis |
| | " 24, Dec. 21 | Orleans, etc. | 550, 546 | | Griscom #, Census |
| | Dec. 16 | Martha's Vineyard | 3000 | plus | Garrison & Hagar |
| LESSER SCAUP: | Nov. 19 | Ludlow, Lakeville | 4, 32 | | Eliot, Elkinses |
| | Dec. 17 | Newburyport | 19 | | Griscom # (Census) |
| AMERICAN GOLDENEYE: | Nov. 30 | Lyme, N.H. | 22 | | Forsyth & Haskins |
| | Dec. 21 | Wells R., Vt. | 20 | | Smith |
| | " 26 | White R., " | 18 | | Forsyth & Haskins |
| | Nov. 24-Dec. 21 | Chatham reg. | 35-908 | | Griscom #, Census |
| BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: | Nov. 19 | Cambridge | last seen at | Fresh Pd. | Eaton |
| | " 18 | Assawompsett | 1 | | Henry, Gleason # |
| | " 19 | S. Windsor, Conn. | pair | | Schmidt, O'Brien # |
| | Dec. 1, 3 on | Beverly | 1, 3 | drakes (+females?) | Nash, Emilio # |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | Nov. 23 | Saybrook, Conn. | 25 | plus | Beckwith & Hunt |
| | Dec. 10 | Agawam | 1 | female | Bagg |
| | " 21 | Chatham region | 114 | | Cape Cod Census |

OLD-SQUAW: Nov.18,Dec.17 Pt.Judith,etc.,R.I. 1,1 "rare" Kraus
 " 23 Saybrook,Conn. 20 Hunt & Beckwith
 Dec. 10 past Monomoy Pt. 17500 Griscoms & Fosters
 This afternoon flight (from 3:20 to 4:00 p.m.) was sufficiently spread out to permit counting (rather than pure estimating) by the observers. They agreed closely. Their "impression" that the present flock was about equal to Nov. 24's (est. 17500) and about double Nov. 12's (est. 35000) substantiates those figures.

HARLEQUIN: Nov.16,Dec.16 Martha's Vineyard 6+,11+ Hagar #
 " 26 off Rockport 2 Griscom #

AMERICAN EIDER: Dec. 10 off Monomoy 200 Griscoms & Fosters
 " 16 Martha's Vineyard 40 Hagar & Garrison
 " 24 outside the Salvages 6 Cape Ann Census
 Any main Eider flock has yet to be discovered.

KING EIDER: Dec. 23 Westport 1 female Emerson

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: Nov. 23 Saybrook,etc.,Conn. "very large numbers" Hunt & Beckwith
 Dec. 25 Middletown, R.I. 385 Drury
 " 15 Chappaquiddick I., M.V. 2000 Hagar & Garrison
 " 10 Monomoy 43000 est. Griscoms & Fosters

SURF SCOTER: Nov. 23 Saybrook,etc.,Conn. "large numbers" Hunt & Beckwith
 Dec. 25 Middletown, R.I. 50 Drury
 winter Mass. coast very few Garrison #

AMERICAN SCOTER: Nov.24,Dec.10 Monomoy est'd about 4400 Griscom #
 Dec. 22 Agawam 1 Bagg
 " 25 Middletown,R.I. 8 Drury

RUDDY DUCK: Nov.19-Dec.25 Middletown,R.I. 390-3 Drury
 Dec. 10-17 Watchaug Pd.,R.I. 140-22 Kraus
 Nov. 25-30 Lakeville 39-17 Stackpole
 " 21 Cambridge,Brookline 2,2 Nash, Miss Snow
 Dec. 2,17 Martha's Vineyard 150 Hornblower,Hagar #
 till Dec. 26 Eastham region 80 plus Benchley #

HOODED MERGANSER: Nov.26,Dec.17 Watchaug Pd.,R.I. 25-5 Kraus
 20 reports of 1 to 10 Hoodeds throughout Mass., R.I., and Conn.

AMERICAN MERGANSER: Nov. 26,Dec.23 S. Windsor,Conn. 6,140 MacDavid #
 Dec. 21 Wells River, Vt. 24 (in 2 miles) Smith
 " 26,30 White River, Vt. 3 Forsyth#,Cobb
 " 22 Milford, N.H. 4 Perkins

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: Nov. 19 Williamsburg 1 Eliot
 " 23 Bennington, Vt. 3 "first ever" Ross
 Dec. 4,15 Holyoke,Agawan 1,1 Eliot,Leshure
 late November off Plum I. several 100 (late) Alexander #

GOSHAWK: Nov. 27 Huntington 1 shot Cross
 weighed 2 lbs., 8½ oz.
 Records from: Wells R., Vt., Northampton, S. Amherst, Georgetown, Newburyport, Ipswich,Mass., and Seapowet, R.I.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: A few wintering birds as usual.

COOPER'S HAWK: A few wintering birds as usual.

RED-TAILED HAWK: Nov. 19 Northampton 1 - none since Eliot
 A few wintering birds, mostly not far from shore.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: Nov. 30 Orange, Conn. 1 MacDavid

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: Nov.19 & 23 at Searsburg, Vt., and Newport, R. I.
 December birds at W. Newbury, Plum I., Gloucester, Orleans (2), and Martha's Vineyard (5), Mass.; and Clinton and Deep River, Conn.

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| <u>GOLDEN EAGLE:</u> | Nov. 19 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 im. | Schmidt, MacDavid,
Hoffman & O'Brien |
| | | "positively identified" | | |
| BALD EAGLE: | Nov. 27 | Southampton | 1 im. | Eliot |
| | Dec. 16 | Martha's Vineyard | 3 plus | Garrison & Hagar |
| | | One, apparently wounded, swam 100 yds. into lake rather than endure approach. | | |
| | Dec. 24 | Essex, Conn. | 7 adults together | Bulkeley |
| | | Other December birds at Monhegan I., Mt. Vernon, and North Berwick, Me.; Longmeadow, Newburyport (2), Brewster, Orleans (2), and Westport (3), Mass.; Watchaug Pd., R.I.; and Deep River, Conn. | | |
| MARSH HAWK: | Dec. 31 | Monhegan I., Me. | 1 | Townsend |
| | | 13 on Cape Cod Census; otherwise rather scarce. | | |
| OSPREY: | Nov. 21 | Cambridge | 1 | Nash |
| DUCK HAWK: | December: | Wayland, Rowley, Boston | | Morgan # |
| | " 10 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid # |
| SPARROW HAWK: | Dec. 10 | Bow, N.H. | 1 | F. & K. Elkins |
| | | A fair scattering (not far from the coast). Maynard, Harris # | | |
| RUFFED GROUSE: | | Plentiful in New Hampshire; rather scarce, eastern Mass. | | |
| <u>WILLOW PTARMIGAN:</u> | Dec. 5 | Township 10 (Tunk Pd.) Hancock Co., Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| | | "I do not offer the observation as a record ... sure .. neither Spruce nor Ruffed Grouse." However, the description by an experienced field man of merely a brief glimpse is almost convincingly circumstantial. | | |
| <u>"WILD" TURKEY:</u> | Dec. 7 | near Chester | flock of 9 | "a deer-hunter" |
| | | "The birds 'planted' a few years ago on October Mt. are certainly spreading." | | |
| | | | | Eliot |
| KING RAIL: | Nov. 18 | Monomoy | 2 (1 shot) | Hancock, Dawes |
| <u>CLAPPER RAIL:</u> | Dec. 30 | Wellfleet | 1 | Benchley & Long |
| | | In Blackfish Creek Marsh at high tide; whole area iced, Bird studied for an hour at 50 yds., with telescope etc. | | |
| SORA: | Dec. 21 | Brewster | 1 heard | Hill # |
| FLORIDA GALLINULE: | Dec. 18 | Holyoke | 1 | Leshure |
| COOT: | Nov. 19 | Middletown, R.I. | 570 | Drury |
| | Dec. 2, 15 | Martha's Vineyard | 150, 100 | Hornblower, Hagar # |
| | | A scattering elsewhere. | | |
| KILLDEER: | Dec. 16 | Marblehead Neck | 3 last seen | S. K. Harris |
| | " 20 | Nauset | 1 last | Benchley |
| | until Dec. 28 | Fairfield, Conn. | a few | Saunders |
| GOLDEN PLOVER: | Nov. 18 | Newbury | 1 flying over | Griscom & Garrison |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | Nov. 24-Dec. 29 | Monomoy | 7-4 | Buchheister #, Long # |
| | to Dec. 15 | Nauset harbor | 6 | Benchley |
| | Dec. 17 | Pt. Judith, R.I. | 2 last | Kraus |
| WOODCOCK: | Dec. 1, 10 | Amesbury | seen, found dead | Kozacka |
| | " 14 | Waltham | 1 well seen | P. R. Cook |
| | " 22 | Warren, R.I. | 1 | Bowen |
| WILSON'S SNIBE: | Nov. 26, Dec. 10 | Newburyport | 2, 1 salt marsh | Harvard O.C. |
| | Dec. 23 | Cambridge | 1 | Jones & Robbins |
| | " 29 | Richmond | 1 found dead | Anning |
| | | Only Berkshire winter record. | | |
| | | | | Wallace |
| SPOTTED SANDPIPER: | Nov. 23 | Ludlow reservoir | 1 im. | Bowen & Stebbins |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | Dec. 4, 7 | Monomoy, Orleans | 1, 2 | Walcott #, Benchley |
| | " 10 | Newburyport | 2 | Harvard O. C. |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | Dec. 17 | Newburyport | 2 | F. A. Saunders |

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| PURPLE SANDPIPER: | Dec. 25 | Middletown, R.I. | 72 | Drury |
| | " 29 | Fairfield, Conn. | 7 | Pennfield Reef A.A. Saunders |
| | winter | Mass. coast | | well represented many observers |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER: | Nov. 18 | Hingham | 1 | Miss Snow |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | Nov. 19, 23 | Newburyp't, Ipswich | 185, 125 | Tousey, Perkins |
| | Nov. 24-Dec. 21 | Nauset | 700-400 | Griscom, Census |
| | Dec. 17 | Pt. Judith, R.I. | 6 | Kraus |
| HUDSONIAN GODWIT: | Dec. 4 | Monomoy | 5 | Mr. & Mrs. Peabody & Mr. & Mrs. Walcott |
| | The large size, dark wing-linings and axillars, and banded tails of these birds were observed. | | | |
| SANDERLING: | Dec. 27, 29 | Westport, Monomoy | 5, 30 | Emerson, Benchley |
| | Very few others noted wintering. | | | |
| GLAUCOUS GULL; | Dec. 5-10 | Springfield | 1 | second-year pl. Leshure # |
| | First positive record in Connecticut Valley, Mass. | | | |
| ICELAND GULL: | Nov. 18 | E. Gloucester | 1 | Brace's Cove Griscom & Garrison |
| | " 25, 26 | Scituate, Plum I. | 1, 1 | Miss Snow, Robbins # |
| | Scattering subsequent records; not many. | | | |
| KUMLIEN'S GULL: | Nov. 18 | E. Gloucester | 1 | adult Griscom & Garrison |
| | Dec. 16, 30 | Newburyport | 1, 1 | Snow, Armstrong # |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | Dec. 21, 24 | Chatham, Cape Ann | 200, 70 | Census parties |
| HERRING GULL: | Dec. 6 | Pownal, Vt. | 3 | Dr. L. H. Ross |
| | Dec. 21, 24 | Cape Cod, Cape Ann | 8600, 3750 | Census parties |
| THAYER'S (?) GULL: | Nov. 18 | E. Gloucester | 1 | adult Griscom & Garrison |
| | A gull apparently of this race was seen on the water at Brace's Cove with Herring Gulls and an Iceland and Kumlien's. The Thayer's Gull could readily be followed with field glasses by its distinctly paler mantle. A 40x telescope revealed more white in its wing tip than in Herrings' and a marked restriction of the black area. | | | |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | Dec. 10 | below Springfield | 12 | Bagg |
| | " 10 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid # |
| | " 21 | Eastham region | 63 | Cape Cod Census |
| BLACK-HEADED GULL: | throughout Newburyport seen intermittently many obs. It is believed there were 2 individuals (Alexander #), one rosy pink below, the other more yellowish. | | | |
| LAUGHING GULL: | Nov. 16 | Vineyard Haven | 2 | Hagar |
| | Dec. 21 | Eastham | 1 | Tousey # |
| | First winter record for Massachusetts. | | | |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | Dec. 9 | Little Compton, R.I. | 175 | Emerson |
| | " 17-28 | Newburyport | 127-8 | Census, Kozacka |
| | " 21 | Chatham | 1000 | Griscom, Robbins # |
| KITTIWAKE: | Dec. 3, 21 | Plum I., Chatham | 6, 1 | Tousey, Griscom # |
| COMMON TERN: | Nov. 16, 20 | Edgartown, Nauset | 8, 4 | Hagar, Benchley |
| ROSEATE TERN: | Dec. 2 | Woods Hole | 1 | F.E. Smith, Jr. # |
| | This bird, studied closely and reported in full, appeared to be an adult little changed from summer plumage. | | | |
| RAZOR-BILLED AUK: | Dec. 3 | Cape Ann | 1 | Drury & Hill |
| | " 3, 16 | Martha's Vineyard | 1, 1 | F. Smith #, Garrison # |
| | " 3 | off Pt. Judith, R.I. | 25 | Kraus |
| | large alcids - this species and/or Murres. | | | |
| | Dec. 23 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1 | Emerson |
| DOVEKIE: | Nov. 24 | off Monomoy | 3 | Buchheister # |
| | Dec. 3, 10 | Gay Head, Rockport | 2, 1 | Harris #, Emilio # |
| | " 10, 21 | off Monomoy | 1 | Griscom # |

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| BLACK GUILLEMOT: | Nov. 18-Dec. 24 | off Rockport | 1-21 | Garrison #, Census |
| | Dec. 10 | off Monomoy | 1 (rare) | Fosters & Griscoms |
| | " 3 | Scarborough Beach, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| PUFFIN: | Dec. 21 | off Chatham | 1 | Griscom # |
| MOURNING DOVE: | early Nov. | Sudbury | flock of 74 | Maynard |
| | A few wintering birds. | | | |
| SNOWY OWL: | Nov. 26, 29 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | Dec. 21 | Lowell | 1 im. | Board of Health |
| | " 30-31 | Plum I. marshes | 1 | Brookline B. C. |
| BARRED OWL: | Dec. 16, 17 | Lyme, Moose Mt., N.H. | 1, 1 | Weaver |
| | " 9 | Holyoke | 1 in city yard | Bagg |
| | " 19-20 | Lowell | 1 " " park | Alexander |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | Nov. 29 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Ballard |
| | December: at Northampton, Tisbury (6), and Topsfield (2). | | | |
| RICHARDSON'S OWL: | Nov. 25 | Dedham, Me. | 1 (within 10 ft.) | Eckstorm |
| SAW-WHET OWL: | Nov. 18-29: | Hanover, N.H., Hamilton, Mass., and 2 near Hartford, Conn. | | |
| | Dec. 6 | Dedham | 1 well seen | Nash |
| | " 25 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 drowned | Drury |
| | " 31 | Monhegan I., Me. | 1 | Townsend |
| BELTED KINGFISHER: | 10 December | birds from Pownal, Vt., south. | | Ross # |
| FLICKER: | Dec. 21 | Monhegan I., Me. | 1 | Townsend |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER: | Nov. 20 | Dedham | 1 | Mrs. Eliot Putnam |
| YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: | Dec. 17-20 | Northampton | adult male | Combs |
| HAIRY WOODPECKER: | Dec. 17 | Newburyport region | 10 | Census party |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER: | Dec. 17 | Newburyport region | 24 | Census party |
| ARKANSAS KINGBIRD: | Nov. 16-20 | N. Andover | 1 | Root |
| TREE SWALLOW: | Nov. 19 | Bonnet Shores, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| CANADA JAY: | Dec. 30 | near Stratford, N.H. | 6 | "woodsman" |
| | Sugar Loaf Mt. Reported to Miss E. P. Johnson. | | | |
| CROW: | Nov. 30, Dec. 11 | Hanover, Ossipee, N.H. | 1, last | Weaver, Pratt |
| CHICKADEE: | Normal. | | | |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Good flight: unusual numbers to NE and SE Mass. | | | |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Very thinly (and generally) scattered. | | | |
| WINTER WREN: | December records from Northampton, Sunderland, Greenfield, Whately, Newburyport, Waltham, Hingham, Mass. & Hartford, Conn. | | | |
| CAROLINA WREN: | Nov. 20 | Huntington | 1 | Cross |
| LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: | Dec. 21 | Eastham region | 1 | Cape Cod Census |
| MOCKINGBIRD: | December reports from: Middletown, R.I., Martha's Vineyard (several as usual) Chatham, Springfield, Northampton, N. Andover (shown by banding not last spring's bird), Medford, W. Gloucester, Mass., and Monhegan I., Me. | | | |
| CATBIRD: | Dec. 17 | Longmeadow | 1 | Leshure |
| | " 25 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| | " 31 | Chilmark | 1 | F. & K. Elkins |
| BROWN THRASHER: | Dec. 26 on | Waltham | 1 | Mrs. H. Davis # |
| | " 31 | Northampton | 1 | Combs |
| ROBIN: | Nov. 15, 16 | Cape Cod, M.V. | large numbers | Hagar |
| | " 16 | Athol | last | Allison |
| | " 20 | eastern Mass. | "nearly gone" | Benchley & Alexander |
| | Dec. 5 | Mt. Cardigan, N.H. | 13 | Weaver |
| | throughout | Hanover, " | 1 | " |
| | Scattered wintering Robins as usual, especially southward. | | | |

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| HERMIT THRUSH: | In December: Holyoke, Longmeadow, Amherst (Dec. 27, Dickinson) Plum I., Chestnut Hill, and Fall River. | | | |
| OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: | Nov. 26 | Hartford, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid |
| BLUEBIRD: | Nov. 27 | Northampton | last | Combs |
| | Dec. 7 | Williamsburg | departed | Graves |
| | "Ousted from Swallows' nests by Starlings." | | | |
| RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: | Dec. 1,12 | Cambridge | 1,1 | Griscom |
| | " 3,23 | Amherst | 2,1 | Welles, Dickinson |
| | " 13 | Amesbury | 1 | Kozacka |
| | " 22 on | Greenwood | 1 to feeder | R. T. Hogg |
| PIPIT: | Nov. 19 | Essex County | 4 | Hill & Davis |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | Nov. 16,25 | Granby, Cohasset | 6,3 | Schurr, Snow |
| | Dec. 2,17 | Belmont, Topsfield | 1,3 | Vogel, Emilio # |
| NORTHERN SHRIKE: | Very widely distributed. | | | |
| | Nov. 19 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 2 | Schmidt # |
| | chased a Sparrow Hawk and then fought each other. | | | |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE: | Dec. 4 | Wayland | 1 adult | Griscom |
| | " 17 | Wethersfield, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid # |
| STARLING: | Dec. 17,24 | Newburyport, Cape Ann | 10000, 2050 | Censuses |
| | " 21 | Chatham region | 231 fewest ever | Cape Census |
| | Eckstorm has noted them in summer at Penobscot Lake (NW of Moosehead) Maine (breeding) and at Jackman and up to Fort Kent; also at Sackville, N.B., on Dec. 28. He thinks many probably migrate after gathering in their large fall flocks. | | | |
| ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: | Nov. 22, Dec. 17 | Belmont, Newton | 1,1 | Vogel, Garrison |
| BLACKPOLL WARBLER: | Dec. 17 | Plum I. | 1 | Stackpole # |
| WESTERN PALM WARBLER: | Nov. 26 | Little Compton, etc., R.I. | 3,1 | Emerson, Kraus |
| | Dec. 19, 21, 30 | Edgartown | 1,9,1 | Worden |
| YELLOW PALM WARBLER: | Nov. 17 | Cohasset | 1 | F. H. Allen |
| | Dec. 3 | Chilmark | 1 | F. Smith, Harris # |
| YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: | to Dec. 28 | Winchester | 1 | C. K. Small # |
| | Seen intermittently by Mr. & Miss Small and Mrs. F. R. Williams #. | | | |
| ENGLISH SPARROW: | Dec. 26 | Amherst, N.S. | carrying nest material | Eckstorm |
| MEADOWLARK: | Dec. 11, 28 | Edgartown, Newburyport | 25,1 | Worden, Kozacka |
| | " 23 | Little Compton, R.I. | 83 | Emerson # |
| RED-WING: | Dec. 17 | Wethersfield, Conn. | 25 | MacDavid |
| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | Dec. 3 | Newburyport | 1 well seen | Robbins, Drury # |
| BRONZED GRACKLE: | Dec. 4 | Northampton | 1 | Clarke |
| | wintering | Monhegan I., Me. | 3 | Townsend |
| | to Dec. 24 | Wayland | 3 to feeder | Morgan |
| | Dec. 29, 31 | Beverly, Edgartown | 1,1 | Perkins, Worden |
| | " 27 | Fairfield, Conn. | 75 | Saunders |
| COWBIRD: | Nov. 18, Dec. 23 | Huntington, Gill | last, 3 | Cross, Bagg |
| | Dec. 15 | N. Canaan, N.H. | 1 | McAllister-Ricard |
| | " 10, 19 | Edgartown | flock of 22 | Mrs. Worden |
| | " 17 | Wethersfield, Conn. | 15 | MacDavid |
| DICKCISSEL: | about Oct. 18 | Monhegan I., Me. | 1 | Mrs. J. A. Townsend |
| | Dec. 23 | Seapowet, R.I. | 1 im. or fem. | Emerson, Drury, Bowen |
| | " 25-6 | Washington, Conn. | 1 " " " | A. R. Bellinger # |
| | Perfectly seen. Ate cracked corn, no sunflower seeds. | | | |
| EVENING GROSBEAK: | Nov. 17 | Pittsfield | first | Hendricks |
| | Dec. 3 | Mt. Vernon, Me. | 2 | R. K. Henry, Jr. |
| | In November: Ossipee, N.H.; Greenfield (over 40, Eliot), Barre, Deerfield, Athol, Mass. | | | |
| | December: Williamstown, Williamsburg, Lanesboro, Mass., and Norfolk, Conn. (Dec. 30, considered very early). | | | |

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| PURPLE FINCH: | Very scarce except at favored feeders. | | | |
| PINE GROSBEAK: | Dec. 16 | Lyme Centre, N.H. | 80 | Weaver |
| | Flocks of 5 to 25 in 20 places. Few, if any, in Conn., R.I., and SE Mass. | | | |
| REDPOLL: | December | Vt. & N.H. | 4 flocks of 25 to 50. | |
| | " | Conn. Val. | 3 " | " 5 to 12. |
| PINE SISKIN: | Nov. 18,23 | Hingham,Ipswich | 1,4 | Snow,Perkins |
| | Dec. 17,23 | Amherst,Greenfield | 1,2 | Clement,Bagg |
| | " 26 | N.Canaan, N.H. | 12 | McAllister-Ricard |
| | " 27 ff | Lovell, Me. | common | Madeira |
| WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: | Nov. 19 | Wilmington, Vt. | 4 | Taber,Stackpole # |
| | Dec. 8 | Wells River, Vt. | present | Smith |
| | " 16 | Hanover, N.H. | 3 | Reynolds |
| | " 17 | Mt. Washington,Mass. | 17 | Bulkeley |
| TOWHEE: | wintering | Fairfield,Conn. | 4 | separately Saunders |
| IPSWICH SPARROW: | Usual places but very few. | | | |
| SAVANNAH SPARROW: | Dec. 17 | Hadley | just 1 | Eliot |
| | " 21 | Orleans region | just 1 | Cape Census |
| SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: | Dec. 21 | Orleans region | 1 | Hagar |
| VESPER SPARROW: | about Dec.6 | Monhegan I.,Me. | 1 | Townsend |
| | Dec. 17 | Northampton | 2 | Riedel |
| JUNCO: | Widely abundant to Nov. 19†; unusually scarce since. | | | |
| TREE SPARROW: | Large flocks very locally distributed. | | | |
| CHIPPING SPARROW: | Nov. 18 | Lynnfield | 2 | Griscom & Garrison |
| | " 30 | S. Dartmouth | 1 | Stackpole |
| FIELD SPARROW: | wintering | Mass. | a few | Allison,Robbins # |
| WESTERN(?)FIELD SPARROW: | Nov.18,23 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| | "Compared with Eastern and studied at close range. Its every feature matches Ridgway's description." | | | |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: | Nov. 19 | Brookline,Newburyport | 1,1 | Mrs.Kellogg,Hill # |
| | " 23 | Northampton | 1 im. | Eliot |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: | Dec.18-24 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Forsyth |
| | Wintering here and there, Massachusetts southward. | | | |
| FOX SPARROW: | Nov.30-Dec.23 | Monhegan I.,Me. | present | Townsend |
| | Nov. 18 | Essex County | 80 | Griscom & Garrison |
| | Wintering in Belmont, Milton, and Chestnut Hill (Dec. 30). | | | |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | Nov. 23 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| | "at same spot as Oct. 24, our previous latest;" | | | |
| SWAMP SPARROW: | wintering | Mass. southward | handful | Kozacka,Eliot # |
| SONG SPARROW: | wintering | Belmont | 28 | Robbins |
| | Locally plentiful, Mass. south, but not met with everywhere. | | | |
| LAPLAND LONGSPUR: | Nov.24-Dec.21 | Monomoy | 1 | Griscom,Benchley# |
| | Dec. 16 | Martha's Vineyard | 1 | Hagar & Garrison |
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The second factor is ability and field experience. When unfamiliar or obscurely marked birds are encountered, no degree of honest intention can be adequate unless combined with seasoned judgment and knowledge of distinctive field marks.

Finally, in any case where a field identification might be questioned, it is necessary to know how favorably a group or an observer saw the bird concerned. There are borderline instances where a record might be within the observer's conscience yet inadequate for, say, the first record on a local list. In such cases the only recourse of subsequent writers is to the observer's personal notebooks, to learn whether "the young King Eider was identified on the wing at 400 yards" or "was caught on the beach and studied in hand, with the aid of pencil and notebook..."

That future natural historians may know where to seek for confirmation of records included herein is one reason for the compilation of this Contributor's List. Another reason is to present an honor roll of the many generous persons who have prepared careful, selected lists of their most interesting observations and kindly sent these to us.

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The coldest January in 20 or 30 years locked ponds, rivers and bays in heavy ice, and reduced bird populations in many sections. A few localities, however, especially the northern coast of Massachusetts, enjoyed an influx of such rare northern visitants as are found only under extremest winter conditions. Most notable of these were four Ivory Gulls, seen by many people at Newburyport and Cape Ann. A Black Gyrfalcon appeared at Newburyport on New Year's Day, and has been reported several times since by the Audubon Society's Plum Island warden and others. Golden Eagles have been found a number of times along the Merrimack River, in company with wintering Northern Bald Eagles, and, indeed, raptorial birds in general have occurred in unusual numbers throughout. Even Shrikes have been widespread and comparatively common. It seems curious that this should be so in a season when small land birds are comparatively scarce.

Western Juncos of the species Junco oreganus (subspecies undetermined) have come to feeders in three parts of New England, and in at least two of these stations were present by early December, 1939.

Waterfowl in southern New England have been somewhat depleted through inability to get at their natural food. Near Providence, however, and at several points along the Massachusetts shore it is known that state feeding has tided over thousands of ducks and kept them in prime condition.

It seems appropriate here to summarize the Bulletin's aims and purposes. They are threefold:

1. To record unusual occurrences.
2. To study general migratory activities of all species, so far as space permits.
3. To advise less experienced observers where to look for birds and when.

It is agreed that active birders are interested to learn of rare species turned up from season to season. In the category of rarities, furthermore, we include earliest and latest dates ever, for a state or for a large, well-documented region (Conn. Valley in Mass., Essex County, etc.).

The thoughtful observer, in watching waves of migrants and fluctuations in resident bird populations, seeks to determine the sources and causes of these changes. He wonders whether they are widespread and, if so, at what dates they have occurred elsewhere. To facilitate such inquiry a background (correlating observations from over an extensive area) is essential. We try, therefore, to follow dates of general first arrival through a series of stations north and south, and to record notable concentrations of any species, or migration peaks. Populations changing from year to year, as of Brant, get particular attention. When such observations can be correlated over a large area and some evidence as to their causes indicated, the Bulletin considers that it has served a purpose.

In a few cases only (as in the fall Broad-wing flight) can helpful advice of a specific sort be given, regarding where to look for birds and when. The canny student, however, depends less on these tips than on the Bulletin records of a year back, which show month by month what was previously found. These constitute a classified directory replete with detail.

I apologize for the lateness of this number's publication. The start of the year at the Museum brought extra duties of overwhelming proportions.

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| LOONS and GREBES: | Usual places in small numbers. | | | |
| EUROPEAN CORMORANT: | Jan.12 | Surrey, Me. | 1 | Robert Weston |
| | " 7,25 | Nahant, Middletown, R.I. | 85,30 | Bergstrom#, Drury |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | Jan.1 | Newburyport, Dover | 1,1 | Griscom#, Harwood |
| | and the usual few wintering southward. | | | |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | Jan.1,28 | Plum I., Medford | 1,4 | Robbins#, Tousey# |
| | Last summer in Waltham 100 young Night Herons were banded with red celluloid bands right leg, aluminum bands left. Reports of these birds at any points this spring would be of interest, and could be sent to E.A. Bergstrom, Worcester Lane, Waltham, or in my care here. The banders would also like to receive assorted and sundry information about any known nesting colonies of herons in the State in recent years - size and approximate age of colonies, lines of flight to and fro, etc. | | | |
| CANADA GOOSE: | Jan.31 | Orleans region | 1000 | Benchley |
| | Winter population off about a half. Geese are more mobile than Black Ducks in winter and, though a few have perished, most have flown southward (Hagar). | | | |
| | Very few reported from M.V. and Conn. but figures are doubtless incomplete. | | | |
| BRANT: | Jan.31 | Chatham harbor | 48 | Benchley & Long |
| | " 1-31 | Wellfleet | 31-12 | " |
| MALLARD: | Jan.14 | Bucksport, Me. | 1 drake | Weston |
| BLACK DUCK: | Jan.14 | Bucksport, Me. | 200 (Red-legs) | Weston |
| | " 14-28 | Newburyport | est. 1500 | Alexander# |
| | " 31 | Eastham, etc. | exceptional numbers where | |
| | fed at springs, few elsewhere | | | Benchley |
| | Jan.28 | Providence, R.I., region | 2000 | H.N. Gibbs |
| | throughout | S. Windsor, Conn. | 500 | Hartford Bird Club |
| EUROPEAN WIDGEON: | Jan.25 | Middletown, R.I. | 2 pairs | Drury |
| BALDPATE: | Jan.26 | Westport | 50 on salt water | Eliot & Kraus |
| | Only 1 to 12 reported from 4 other stations. | | | |
| PINTAIL: | Jan. | 1 to 8 in 6 localities from Boston southward. | | |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | Jan. | A very few individuals from Boston southward. | | |
| SHOVELER: | Jan. | Martha's Vineyard | 1 drake | Hornblower# |
| | " 15 | Wellfleet | 1 | Benchley |
| WOOD DUCK: | Jan. | Arlington, Boston | 1 female, 1 drake | Hill#, many |
| | " 1-31 | Fairfield, Conn. | 2-3 | Saunders |
| REDHEAD: | The "well adjusted" drake which winters regularly in Leverett's Pond, Brookline, was joined late in January by a female who dropped in out of the blue (A. Henderson#). | | | |
| | Very few wintering at Martha's Vineyard. | | | Hornblower |
| RING-NECKED DUCK; | Jan.4 | Orleans | 13 (Pleasant Bay) | Benchley |
| | " 28 | Enfield, Conn. | 2 | Hoffman# |
| CANVASBACK: | Jan.6 | Charlestown, R.I. | 2 | Kraus |
| | " 26 | Saybrook, Conn. | 5 | Miss Hunt# |
| | Very few wintering at Martha's Vineyard | | | Hornblower |
| SCAUP; | Jan.25 | Middletown, R.I. | 1100 | Drury |
| | " 26 | Saybrook, Conn. | 150 | Miss Hunt# |
| | " 31 | Fairfield, Conn. | "common in the open places | |
| | about stream mouths and quite tame" | | | Saunders |
| | Jan. | Martha's Vineyard | 700 come daily from salt ponds | |
| | to drink where ice is kept broken out. | | | R. Cook |

NOTE: The symbol # indicates "and other observers."

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| AMERICAN GOLDENEYE: | Jan. | Mt.Desert bridge,Me. | 7-10 | Eckstorm |
| | | in about 3 acres of open water. | | |
| BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: | Jan.6 on | Beverly | 4 drakes | Griscom,Garrison# |
| | " 26 | Plum I. | 1 drake | Parker |
| | " 14 | Bristol,R.I. | 1 " (2 females?) | Gibbs |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | Jan.6 | Nahant,etc. | 225 | Griscom & Garrison |
| | " 25,31 | R.I.,Conn. | a few | Drury,Saunders |
| OLDSQUAW: | Jan.12 | Surrey,Me. | 15 | Weston |
| | " | Chatham harbor | est.5000-7000 | Benchley |
| | " 4 | " | 1 entirely white | " |
| | after Jan.14 | Fairfield,Conn. | missing | Saunders |
| HARLEQUIN: | wintering | off Cape Ann | 1 or more | many observers |
| | " | Martha's Vineyard | 14 | fide Hornblower |
| | Note: | one female recently located | at Manomet, | |
| AMERICAN EIDER: | Jan.10 | Plum I. | 25 flying S. | Curtis & Griscom |
| | " | Chatham region | 200 | Benchley |
| SCOTERS: | Jan.31 | off Monomoy | "clouds" | Benchley & Long |
| | | "just as before" only feeding grounds shifted further E of | | |
| | | Stonehorse. | | |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | Jan.12 | Surrey,Me. | 100 | Weston |
| | " 25 | Middletown,R.I. | 60 | Drury |
| SURF SCOTER: | Jan.4 | Duxbury | 25 | Nash |
| RUDDY DUCK: | wintering | Martha's Vineyard | 8 | fide Hornblower |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | Jan.7 | Gt.Barrington | 1 | Mrs.Rinsma |
| | " 13 | Brookline | 2 | Henderson# |
| | | The drake, arriving to join the female wintering at Leverett's Pond, was received with no show of cordiality. | | |
| | Jan.20 | Narrow River,R.I. | 4 | Kraus |
| | " 4,etc. | Orleans,Palmer R. | 2,several | Benchley,Gibbs |
| AMERICAN MERGANSER: | Jan.27 | Brewer,Me. | 10 | Weston |
| | " 8 | W.Hartford,Vt. | 2 | Goodhue |
| | " 1 | S.Windsor,Conn. | 300 | Hartford Bird Club |
| RED-BREADED MERGANSER: | Jan.28 | Pownal,Vt. | 8 | Ross |
| GOSHAWK: | Jan. | Moderate numbers | (8 in Mass.) | |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | Jan.22 | Brewer,Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | " 11 | Hanover,N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | | An exceptional number wintering in southern New England. | | |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | | The Holyoke bird continues a comfortable life, feeding on Starlings that come to roost in his pine grove. Reports from Cambridge, Bedford, Orleans, Chatham and from S.Windsor,Conn. | | |
| RED-TAILED HAWK: | | A few noted from Newburyport southward. | | |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | | Four noted from Newbury southward. | | |
| | | Eliot and Kraus watched an adult in Wareham (Jan.26) rise from a riverbank with a fish and carry it to the woods. | | |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK: | Jan.14 | Milton | 1 | W.G.F.Harris |
| ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: | Jan.5 | Hanover,N.H. | 1 | Forsyth |
| | | Wintering in Newburyport,Ipswich,Belmont and Cambridge, Orleans, and Martha's Vineyard (4 plus). | | |
| | Jan.14 on | Middletown,R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| GOLDEN EAGLE: | Jan.10 | Newburyport | 1 adult | Griscom & Curtis |
| | " 10 | " | 1 immature | Alexander |
| | | These birds have been present along the Merrimack River practically continually since, with Northern Bald Eagles. | | |
| BALD EAGLE: | Jan. | Newburyport | 4 at least | many observers |
| | | Visibly larger than the Goldens, when compared. | | |
| | Jan.14-28 | Wethersfield,Conn. | 3 | MacDavid# |
| | | Also at Petersham, Springfield, Boston (eating Gull on Charles River ice) Orleans (2), etc. | | |

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| MARSH HAWK: | Jan.4 on | Newburyport | 1 male | Mrs.Kellogg# |
| <u>BLACK GYRFALCON:</u> | Jan.1 | Newburyport | 1 dark | Eliot,Griscom# |
| | Watched in unsuccessful attempt to carry away a Herring Gull. This bird was found on the Plum I. marshes the same day by the Harvard O.C. and several times in the next 2 weeks by Warden Safford. | | | |
| | Jan.22 | Rowley | 1 pale below | Allen & Tyler |
| | Apparently different individual. Carried a Sheldrake several yards. | | | |
| DUCK HAWK: | Jan.12,16,19 | Boston | 1 | Perry & Allen |
| SPARROW HAWK: | Jan.7 | Bennington,Vt. | 1 | Ross |
| | " 17 on | Windsor,Conn. | 1 | Belden |
| | Comes to window feeder and eats suet. | | | |
| SPRUCE GROUSE: | Jan.6 | Kossuth,Me. | 1 | Weston |
| PHEASANT: | Jan.22 | Brewer,Me. | 3 | Weston |
| KING RAIL: | Jan.26 | Eastham | 1 (Austin Station) | Hagar |
| <u>VIRGINIA RAIL:</u> | CORRECTION: The record under "Wilson's Snipe" in Vol. III, No. 12, should have been this species: | | | |
| | Dec.29 | Richmond | 1 found dead | Anning |
| | Preserved by Wallace as first Berkshire Co. winter record. | | | |
| COOT: | wintering | Martha's Vineyard | 30 | Hornblower |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | Jan.31 | Monomoy | 1 | Benchley & Long |
| WILSON'S SNIPE: | Note correction under Virginia Rail. | | | |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | Dec.27,1939 | Newburyport | 1 | Kozacka & Kincaid |
| PURPLE SANDPIPER: | Jan.1 | Martha's Vineyard | 2 | Elkins,Taber# |
| | " 6 | Nahant,Marblehead | 25,25 | Parker#,Nash |
| | " 26 | Westport | 6 (with Red-backs) | Eliot & Kraus |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | throughout | Nauset | 200 | Benchley |
| SANDERLING: | throughout | Monomoy | 3 | Benchley |
| | Jan.1 | Provincetown | 1 (Race Pt.) | Long |
| <u>IVORY GULL:</u> | Jan.13 | Newburyport | 1 ("Joppa Flats") | Henry,Gleason# |
| | Also Mr. & Mrs. Peabody at almost the same moment concluded that the bird in question was this species. Word traveled fast and on Jan.14 X carloads of enthusiasts went to Newburyport and watched this snowy white individual running upon the floating ice, sometimes no more than 10 feet away! | | | |
| | Jan.14 | Newburyport | 1 | many observers |
| | " 14 | Gloucester | 2 | Curtises,F.Smith# |
| | " 14 | off Rockport | 1 | R.J.Eaton# |
| | Also at the same time one appeared at Toronto, Canada (W.E.Saunders). | | | |
| | There seem to be but 5 previous records of the Ivory Gull in New England in all time. Mr. Eaton suggests that this incursion may be correlated with very severe winter conditions over the whole of the Northern Hemisphere. | | | |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | Jan.27 | Exeter,N.H. | 1 | Philip Nash |
| | " 14,28 | Gloucester | 13,10 | Nash,Parker# |
| | " 21,27 | Boston,Plum I. | 1,1 | Mrs.Kellogg,Curtis |
| | " 23,29 | Monomoy,Nauset | 2,1 | Benchley |
| ICELAND GULL: | Jan.14,21 | Plum I.,Gloucester | 2,4 | Nash,Perkins |
| | " 27 | Nantasket | 2 | Eliot,Kraus |
| KUMLIEN'S GULL: | Jan.1,27 | Plum I. | 1 | V.Armstrong,Curtis |
| | " 27 | Nantasket | 7 | Eliot & Kraus |
| HERRING GULL: | Jan.12 | Brewer & Surrey,Me. | 20 | Weston |
| | " 14,27 | Hanover,Manchester,N.H. | 1,1 | Weaver,Smith |

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| RING-BILLED GULL: | Jan.27 | Waltham(Hancock Co.),Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| | No open water; living off discarded bait. | | | |
| | wintering | Newburyport | 6 or more | Griscom,Eliot# |
| | Jan.14 | Wethersfield,Conn. | 28 | MacDavid# |
| BLACK-HEADED GULL: | Jan.1 only | Newburyport | 1 adult | Griscom,Eliot# |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | Jan.1-6 | Newburyport | 100-4 | Griscom# |
| | " 10,25 | " ,Nahant | 1,1 | Griscom,F.Elkins |
| | " 4 | Narragansett Pier,R.I. | 250 | Kraus |
| KITTIWAKE: | Jan.3 | off Cape Ann | 1 | Hill |
| | " 14 | Newburyport,Gloucester | 2,1 | Eaton,Parker# |
| | " 14 | near Straightsmouth I. | 50-75 | " |
| BRÜNNICH'S MURRE: | Jan.27-28 | off Cape Ann | 2-3 | F.Scott,Kellogg# |
| | " 28 on | Nahant | 1 | Eaton# |
| DOVEKIE: | Jan.21 | off Cape Ann | 1 | F.Smith#,Conkey# |
| BLACK GUILLEMOT: | Jan. | off Cape Ann | 1 or 2 | many observers |
| MOURNING DOVE: | Jan.1 | Charlestown,R.I. | 4 | Kraus |
| | " 4 | Needham | 3 eat wheat | F.Notman |
| | " 7 | Dedham,Concord | 1 in hand, 4 | Ph.Taylor,Armstrong |
| SNOWY OWL: | Jan.1 | N.Canaan,N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | " 1 | Newburyport,Rockport | 1,1(& since) | Armstrong#,Eaton# |
| | " 7 | Squantum | 1 | Lothrop Withington |
| | chased it in an airplane and found it slow. | | | |
| BARRED OWL: | Jan.22 | Brewer,Me. | 1 | Weston |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | wintering | S.Hamilton | 2 | Fosters# |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | Jan.1 | S.Windsor,Conn. | 3 | Powers |
| | " 7 | Ipswich | 1 (Clark's Pd.) | Parker# |
| | " 22 | Etna,N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| SAW-WHET OWL: | A definite influx in January: | | | |
| | Jan.11 | Norwich,Vt. | 1 | Weaver & Haskins |
| | " 3-17 | Hanover,Ossipee,N.H. | 2 or more | Weaver,Mrs.Pratt |
| | " 5,7 | Lenox,S.Somerset | 1,1 | Wallace,A.Cook |
| | " 28-31 | Waltham,Belmont,Boxford | 3 | F.Elkins# |
| BELTED KINGFISHER: | Jan.28 | Pownal,Vt. | 1 | Ross |
| | In Mass. at Gt. Barrington, Northampton, Newburyport, Hampton, Waltham, Brookline, Wellesley, Nantasket, and many shore points southward. | | | |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER: | Jan.10 | Kossuth,Me. | 6 | Weston |
| HAIRY WOODPECKER: | Jan.10 | Kossuth,Me. | common | Weston |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER: | Jan.10 | Kossuth & Brewer,Me. | fairly common | Weston |
| | One seen making a fine meal from a Cecropia cocoon. | | | |
| ARCTIC THREE-TOED WOODPECKER: | Jan.6 | Kossuth,Me. | 1 | Weston |
| NORTHERN HORNED LARK: | about. normal | | | |
| PRAIRIE HORNED LARK: | Jan.2 | Osterville | 1 | J.W.Eaton |
| | On breeding grounds where frequently seen spring and summer. I hope he can recheck the identification, as this is a most interesting record. | | | |
| | Jan.25 | Middletown,R.I. | 6 | Drury |
| BLUE JAY: | Jan.19,etc. | Forest,Holden,Me. | 1,2 | Weston,Eckstorm# |
| | " | Hanover,N.H. | very scarce | Weaver |
| | " | N.Stratford,N.H. | numerous | Miss Johnson |
| | " | Fairfield,Conn. | "quite abundant" | Saunders |
| RAVEN: | Jan.1-20 | Kossuth & Forest,Me. | 1 or 2 daily | Weston |
| | Increasing somewhat, especially on islands abandoned by sheepmen. | | | |
| | | | | Eckstorm |
| CROW: | Jan.12 | Surrey,Me. | 6 | Weston |
| | winter | Hanover,N.H. | very scarce | Weaver |

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| BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE: | Jan.1-20 | Kossuth & Brewer, Me. | common | Weston |
| ACADIAN CHICKADEE: | Jan.1-10 | Kossuth, Me. | 15 | Weston |
| | " 30 | Mt. Washington, N.H. | 2 or 3 (3500 ft.) | S.K.Harris |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Jan.8 | Kossuth, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | winter | Lenox | scarce | Wallace |
| BROWN CREEPER: | Jan.30 | Haverhill | 6 in 2 hours | S.Harris |
| | Few and far between throughout most areas. | | | |
| WINTER WREN: | At Northampton, Easthampton, Bedford, Dedham and Sharon. | | | |
| MOCKINGBIRD: | Jan.9 | Monhegan I., Me. | last seen "looking ill" | Mrs. Townsend |
| | Nov.17-30, 1939 | St. Johnsbury, Vt. | 1 | Miss Shaw, Mrs. Davis# |
| | In Mass. at Northampton, Springfield, Ware, Haverhill, Bedford, Concord, Marblehead, Salem, E. Lynn, and Boston. | | | |
| BROWN THRASHER: | Jan.1 | Northampton | last seen (Arcadia) | Combs |
| | throughout | Waltham | 1 to feeder | Mrs. H. Davis# |
| ROBIN: | Jan. | Hanover, N.H. | 1 or 2 regularly | Lord# |
| | A scattering southward but not many. | | | |
| HERMIT THRUSH: | Nov.23, 1939-Jan.8 | Holyoke | 1 | Bagg |
| | late Jan. | Ware | 1 | fide Conkey |
| | throughout | Bedford | 1 at feeder daily | Clemensson |
| BLUEBIRD: | Jan.9 | E. Northfield | flock | Kinnmann# |
| | " 10 | Windsor | 3 | John Graves |
| GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: | Jan.1-10 | Kossuth, Me. | 10 | Weston |
| | A scattering southward but not many. | | | |
| RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: | Dec.22, 1939, on | Greenwood | 1 to feeder | Robert T. Hogg |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | Jan.14, 15, 18 | Bedford | 1 | Clemensson |
| NORTHERN SHRIKE: | Jan.3 | Kossuth, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| | " 5 on | Hanover, N.H. | 2 | Forsyth |
| | Widely distributed elsewhere. | | | |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE: | Jan.14 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid# |
| MYRTLE WARBLER: | Jan.15 | Bedford | last 2 seen | Clemensson |
| WESTERN PALM WARBLER: | Jan. 1 | Franklin | 1 | Mrs. P.S. Crowell |
| ENGLISH SPARROW: | Jan.27 | Newburyport | 100 | Tousey |
| | Flocking in weed field like wild finches. | | | |
| MEADOWLARK:. | Jan.5 | Pompanoosuc, Vt. | 1 | Adams |
| | Scattered birds in N. Adams, Williamstown, Northampton, Gt. Barrington, Wellesley, Plum I. marshes, Mass., and Glastonbury, Conn. | | | |
| | Jan.7 | S. Somerset | 50 | Alice Cook |
| REDWING: | throughout | Providence, R.I. | 1 to feeder | H.N. Gibbs |
| BALTIMORE ORIOLE: | Jan.2 | S. Norwalk, Conn. | 1 | F.A. Hurd |
| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | Jan.7 | Concord | 15 plus | V. Armstrong |
| BRONZED GRACKLE: | Jan.18 | Monhegan I., Me. | only 2 left | Mrs. Townsend |
| | " 5 | Holyoke | 1 | Bagg |
| | " 6-13 | Fairfield, Conn. | 60 - a few | Saunders |
| | wintering | S. Norwalk, Conn. | flock ("Purples") | F.A. Hurd |
| COWBIRD: | Jan.4-18 | Easthampton | 1 | Riedel |
| | " 21 | Gill | 4 | J.L. Bagg |
| | " 24 | Glastonbury, Conn. | 35 | Clark |
| | Also 4 at Fairfield, Jan.12, drinking from a roadside ditch in snowstorm; and 3 at S. Norwalk throughout. | | | |
| DICKCISSEL(?): | Jan.7 | Plum I. | 1 im. male | Hill, Davis# |
| | Description of the bird seen indicates this species. | | | |
| EVENING GROSBEEK: | Jan.28 | Brewer, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| | " 31 on | Brunswick, Me. | several flocks of 2-15 | Gross |
| | In Mass. at Williamstown, N. Adams, Pittsfield, Greenfield, Williamsburg, Amherst, Athol, Haverhill, and Georgetown. | | | |
| | Jan.1 | Norfolk, Conn. | 30 | Spaulding |
| | " 6 | Harwinton, Conn. | 19 | Griswold |

PURPLE FINCH: The regulars appear to have been at their usual feeders. No flight noted.

PINE GROSBEEK: Jan. Brewer, Me. common Weston & Eckstorm
 " 26 Concord, N.H. 125 one flock Weaver
 Common in N.H., widespread in smaller numbers throughout western and northeastern Mass.

REDPOLL: Jan. 8-14 Harwinton, Conn. 8-25 (yard) Griswold
 Jan. 3 Kossuth, Me. flock of 20 Weston
 " 1-7, 14-21 N. Canaan, N.H. 130, 10 McAllister & Ricard
 " 14 Lincoln 50 or 60 H.E. Maynard
 A few at Brewer, Me., Wells River & Bennington, Vt., Whately and Belchertown, Mass.

PINE SISKIN: Jan. 30 Ipswich 1 Mrs. Lord

GOLDFINCH: Small flocks well scattered.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: Jan. 21 Bennington, Vt. 2 among Redpolls Ross

TOWHEE: Jan. 1 Tisbury 1 Elkinses
 " 14-29 Fairfield, Conn. 4-5 Saunders
 "It is interesting that they always winter singly ... do not recollect ever seeing two together in winter, though most other finches winter in flocks."

OREGON JUNCO, SSP.?: Four of these rare western stragglers of the species Junco oreganus, subspecies undetermined, have been studied closely at feeders, as follows:
 Dec. 9, 1939, on Fairfield, Conn. 1 A.A. Saunders
 It feeds daily in his yard with 20 Slate-colored Juncos and has been seen at 10 feet and studied many times through binoculars. The best subspecific guess of this expert on western Juncos is female J.o. montanus or possibly J. mearnsi.
 about Dec. 1, 1939, on Wrentham 2 T. & Mrs. McClellan
 One of these was brighter, but is not now present. The "duller" one was tentatively assigned by Mason, Bergstrom # (Feb. 25) to the subspecies thurberi or oreganus.
 Jan. 13 (or earlier) on Danvers 1 Stuart Brewster###
 This individual has been seen by the most observers (through the kindness of the Brewster household's hospitality) and is suspected by Mr. Griscom of being J.o. shufeldti.

TREE SPARROW: Small flocks throughout; not many anywhere.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: wintering Brunswick, Me. 3 feed daily Gross
 Other winterers in Hanover and Manchester, N.H., and at upwards of eight stations in Mass.
 throughout Fairfield, Conn. about 20 daily Saunders

FOX SPARROW: Jan. 2 Milton last Peabody
 to Jan. 6 Cambridge 1 Elkins, Hill#
 Jan. 7 on Amherst 1 Mrs. Staples

SWAMP SPARROW: Jan. 14 & 21 Deerfield 1 or 2 J.L. Bagg

SONG SPARROW: about normal.

LAPLAND LONGSPUR: Jan. 4 Duxbury 10 Nash
 " 28 Plum I. 6 Mr. & Mrs. Tousey

SNOW BUNTING: Flocks of 50 to 200, Brunswick & Brewer, Me.
 Flocks of 10 to 50 at 4 stations in N.H. and 4 in Mass.

ADDENDA to INDEX of VOLUME 3

*WHITE-TAILED KITE: April 19 Lynnfield 1 for a week Mrs. Chas. Pearson#
 *AUDUBON'S WARBLER: Jan. 2 Ipswich 1 found dead Emilio & Foye
 *OREGON JUNCO: as detailed above.

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The majority seem to have been of the same age and sex. The flight was in the morning. The birds were seen in the morning. The birds were seen in the morning. The birds were seen in the morning.

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February's weather was perhaps "normal". The blizzard of the 14th brought northeastern Massachusetts its first real snow - 15 inches all at once - but made less impression on other, snowier sections. In late February, at any rate, there was an apparent increase of birds near the coast. Land birds came into sight at feeding stations and probably some were driven seawards from the interior. Snow Buntings appeared throughout, and a few Longspurs locally. Gold and Purple Finches, etc., became more numerous.

During the month ice went out of many salt water areas, and seafoal concurrently increased. Geese got well under way in February, and Pintails were noted moving northward.

The most interesting single find during the month was a Northern Skua (with British leg-band) picked up frozen at Swampscott, Mass., and reported at length within.

As usual, we do not include below all records received. A species omitted from the list should presumably be considered "normal" or "as reported in the last issue."

D. L. G.

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| COMMON LOON: | Feb.29 | Plymouth region | 45 | Griscom & Taber |
| | | Increase, at least on Mass. coast, in late February. | | |
| PACIFIC LOON: | Feb.18 | Nahant | 1 | Mr. & Mrs. Tousey |
| RED-THROATED LOON: | Feb.4,17,25 | Nahant | 1 | Emilio #, Snow # |
| | " 11,18 | Newburyport | 1 | Nash, Snow# |
| HOLBOELL'S GREBE: | Feb.9 | Thetford, Vt. | 1 found alive | Adams |
| | " 24 | Mt. Desert I., Me. | 3 | Eckstorm |
| | " 10-25 | Essex County | 6 | Poor, Robbins# |
| | " 22,24 | Acoaxet, etc. | 1,1 | Kraus |
| HORNED GREBE: | No great numbers. | | | |
| LEACH'S PETREL: | Jan.17 | 300 miles E. of Boston | 1 | Mason |
| GANNET: | Jan.14 | George's Bank | 1 seen from S.S. "Cayuga" | Mason |
| EUROPEAN CORMORANT: | Feb.2 | Fairfield, Conn. | 6 (sp. assumed) | Saunders |
| | " 25 | Cohasset | 200 plus | Fletcher |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | wintered | Cambridge | 2 | Nash # |
| | since Feb.12 | Fairfield, Conn. | roost not found | Saunders |
| MUTE SWAN: | Feb.23 | Madison, Conn. | 7 | Meigs# |
| CANADA GOOSE: | Feb.9 | near Dover, N.H. | 75 wintering | E. Foster |
| | " 10,22 | Plum I. | 150,9 | Safford |
| | " 11-23 | Orleans region | 1030 | Benchley |
| | "Marked increase in most areas after the thaw on Feb. 10." | | | |
| | Feb.25 | Plymouth | 26 | Drury # |
| | wintered | Charlestown, R.I. | 80 in rye fields | Gibbs |
| | Feb.22,29 | Martha's Vineyard | 200,350 | Benchley |
| | plus the 35-50 that wintered. 200 others have passed through. | | | |

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| BRANT: | Feb.14 | Chatham,Wellfleet | 48,21 | Benchley |
| | " 29 | Monomoy | 35 | Griscom |
| BLACK DUCK: | Feb.2 | Bucksport,Me. | 25 | Eckstorm |
| | " 22 | Bar Harbor,Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | " 24 | Newburyport | 1000 | Henry,Gleason# |
| | " 3,17 etc. | Quincy,Wayland | 60,200 | Cobb,Morgan # |
| | " 9 | Plymouth | 2850 | Hagar |
| | " 13 | Orleans region | 5263 | Benchley |
| | " 25 | Barnstable | hundreds | J.Eaton |
| | " 29 | M.V. (south side) | 200 | Benchley |
| EUROPEAN WIDGEON: | Feb.2 | Middletown,R.I. | 2 pairs | Drury |
| BALDPATE: | wintering | Mt.Hope Bay,Charlestown,R.I. | 250,150 | Gibbs |
| | Feb.27 | Chappaquiddick I.,M.V. | 90 plus | Benchley |
| PINTAIL: | Few wintering. Good early flight recalls last fall's bumper flight and probably reflects favorable wintering conditions in the Atlantic coast refuges south of us. | | | |
| | Feb.22,24 | Narragansett Bay,R.I. | 46 | Kraus |
| | " 3,11 | Quincy,Worcester | 1,6 | Cobb,H.S.Long |
| | " 22 | Martha's Vineyard | 25 (3 places) | Hagar |
| | " 21 | Monomoy Point | 12 drakes | " |
| | " 29 | S.Plymouth | 8 | Griscom & Hagar |
| | " 18,23 | Newburyport,Nahant | 1,1 | Safford,Emilio |
| WOOD DUCK: | throughout | Fairfield,Conn.,Brookline | 3,1 | Saunders, ## |
| REDHEAD: | Feb.14 | Wianno | 2 pairs | J.Eaton |
| | throughout | M.V., Brookline | 10 plus,2 | Benchley, ## |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | Feb.23,27 | Hyannis,M.V. | 1 drake, pair | J.Eaton,Benchley |
| CANVASBACK: | early Feb. | Boston | 1 | H.E.Maynard |
| | Feb.27 | Martha's Vineyard | 7 (Poucha Pd.) | Benchley |
| SCAUP: | Feb.22 | Saybrook,Conn. | 1000 est. | Hartford B.C. |
| | " 4 | Middletown, R.I. | 1400 | Drury |
| | " 14,17 | Boston,Brookline | 1 | Stackpole,Long |
| | " 1 | S.Yarmouth | 22 (2 thought Lesser) | J.Eaton |
| | " 21,29 | Orleans, M.V. | 440,300 plus | Benchley |
| AMERICAN GOLDENEYE: | Feb.2 etc. | Bucksport,Mt.Desert,Me. | 20,7 | Eckstorm |
| | " 10 | Stockton,Me. | "large numbers" | Weston |
| | " 16 | Wells River,Vt. | 10 wintered | Smith |
| | " 5 on | Agawam | 1 | Stebbins |
| BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: | Feb.6 | Bonnet Shores,R.I. | pair | Kraus |
| | " 2,3 | Wianno,Beverly | pair,1 | J.Eaton,Snow # |
| | " 18 | Lynn harbor | 1 | Tousey |
| | " 18,23 | Rockport | 1 | " , Nash |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | Feb.22 | Bar Harbor,Me. | 6 | Weston |
| HARLEQUIN: | throughout | off Rockport | 1 at least | Griscom ## |
| | Feb.25 | Manomet | apparently 1 | Bergstrom # |
| AMERICAN EIDER: | Feb.18,etc. | C.Ann,Chilmark | 1,small flock | Griscom#,Benchley |
| | " 23 | off Monomoy | 15000 | fide Hagar |
| This main Eider flock at Round Shoal, 3 miles SE of Monomoy Pt., is not visible from land but was located from a plane by Clarence Cottam of the Biol. Survey. | | | | |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | Reported | Mt. Desert I., Me., | southward. | |
| SURF SCOTER: | Feb.4 | Fairfield,Conn. | "same numbers as before" | |
| | as soon as the ice broke out. Have outnumbered White-winged Scoters, which is unusual. | | | |
| | | | | Saunders |
| RUDDY DUCK: | Feb.4 | Ipswich | 1 (Clark's Pd.) | C.Reynolds |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | Feb.12 | Gt.Barrington | drake, 2-4 females | Mrs. Rinsma # |
| | " 18 | Narrow R., R.I. | 4 still | Kraus |

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| AMERICAN MERGANSER: | Feb.4 | Bennington,Vt. | 12 | Ross |
| | " 16,24 | Wells River,Woodstock,Vt. | 9,2 | Smith,R.Marble |
| | " 29 | Brewer,Me. | 44 (2 ad.males) | Eckstorm |
| | "Catching tom-cods below the dam in swift water." | | | |
| RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: | Feb.4 | Bennington,Vt. | 8 | Ross |
| | " 10 | Stockton,Me. | "large numbers" | Weston |
| TURKEY VULTURE: | Feb.1 | Centreville | 1 | Mrs. L. Bearse# |
| | seen at feeding station, very close range. | | | |
| GOSHAWK: | February | Reported from Amherst, Williamsburg, Wayland, Brookline, Milton, Sharon, Mass., and Stockton, Me. | | |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | February | Still numerous wintering birds. | | |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | COR. Holyoke bird (in first issue) noted lacking since Jan. 7. | | | |
| RED-TAILED & RED-SHOULDERED HAWKS: | A good many, as in January. | | | |
| ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: | Fair number, as in January. Also: | | | |
| | Feb.22 | Saybrook,Conn. | 1 | Hartford B. C. |
| GOLDEN EAGLE: | Feb.24 | Newburyport | the imm.bird | Henry,Gleason# |
| BALD EAGLE: | Feb.24 | Mt.Desert I.,Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| | " 28 | Blue Hill,Me. | 3 (2 beside nest) | Weston |
| | Also at Newburyport (4), Weston, Springfield, Mass.; | | | |
| | Pt. Judith, R.I. (2); Saybrook, Conn. (3); etc. | | | |
| DUCK HAWK: | Noted at 4 points in R.I., 2 in Essex Co., etc. | | | |
| PIGEON HAWK: | Jan.19 | Concord | 1 | Armstrong |
| | Well seen for half an hour near a feeding station. | | | |
| KILLDEER: | Feb.4 | Fairfield,Conn. | 2 | Saunders |
| PURPLE SANDPIPER: | Feb.12 | Pennfield Reef,Conn. | 10 | Saunders |
| | where they probably wintered. | | | |
| <u>NORTHERN SKUA:</u> | Jan.18 | 300 miles E of Boston | 1 | Mason |
| | Feb.4 | Swampscott | 1 collected | Miss Lois Randall |
| | Found frozen and in severely emaciated condition. Bore British leg-band #401 218. This fine bird, presented to the Museum through the kindness of Miss Randall, her father, and Mr. Fred M. Collins, is the 4th or 5th New England specimen, apparently the first ever taken <u>on shore</u> , and the Museum's first New England example of the species. | | | |
| <u>IVORY GULL:</u> | Feb.27-Mar.3 | Hingham | 1 | Rodman Swift |
| | came to be fed with other gulls. | | | |
| | Jan.14(?) | Hampton R. mouth | 1 | fide Alexander |
| | Correspondents inform Mr. Griscom that one was found dead in southern N.J. on Feb.5, and that a "number" were noted in the St. Lawrence estuary. | | | |
| | COR. Taber, who, with Stackpole and others, observed the Rockport bird on Jan. 14 very favorably, writes: "The weight of evidence tends to indicate the presence of three Ivory Gulls only" (BUL. No.1). Factors observed convince him that one of the Gloucester birds was re-counted at Rockport. | | | |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | Feb.17-18 | Quonochontaug,R.I. | 1 im. | Kraus |
| | A few in Essex County, etc. | | | |
| ICELAND GULL: | Feb.17 | Brewer,Me. | 1 im. | Weston |
| | A few in Essex County, etc. | | | |
| KUMLIEN'S GULL: | Jan.13 | Provincetown | 1 | Mason |
| | Feb.2,11,22 | Essex County | 1,1,1 | Hill,Poor#,Snow# |
| | " 17,25 | Nantasket | 1,1 | Smolker,Bergstrom# |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | Jan.19 | Brown's Bank to Boston | 250 | Mason |
| | Feb.11 | Essex County | 100 | Poor# |
| | "big increase in numbers." | | | |
| HERRING GULL: | Feb.24,29 | Mt.Desert I.,Brewer,Me. | a few | Eckstorm |

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| <u>THAYER'S (?) GULL:</u> | Feb.25 | Barnstable | 1 | found dead | J. Eaton |
| The primaries of this bird are largely white, especially the first two. The next 2 have a little <u>grey</u> near the tip and the next 2 a little <u>black</u> , with one mirror. This curious pattern is considerably <u>whiter</u> than any Thayer's Gull in the M.C.Z. series, but may match some "Thayer's Gull", or may have to be classed as Thayer's X Iceland Gull or possibly a partial albino Herring Gull. | | | | | |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | Jan.14 | off Brown's Bank | 1 | | Mason |
| | Feb.2 | Bucksport, Me. | 20 | est. | Eckstorm |
| | " 29 | Brewer, Me. | 7 | plus | " |
| A few others from Newburyport southward. | | | | | |
| KITTIWAKE: | Jan.14 | George's Bank | 50 | | Mason |
| | " 19 | Brown's Bank to Boston | 175 | | " |
| RAZOR-BILLED AUK: | Feb.18 | E.Gloucester | 1 | | Emilio |
| | " 25 | Manomet | 1 | | Nash# |
| | " 25 | Barnstable | | found dead | J. Eaton |
| <u>ATLANTIC MURRE:</u> | Feb.25 | Barnstable | | found dead | J. Eaton |
| <u>BRÜNNICH'S MURRE:</u> | thru Feb.9 | Nahant | 1 | | Curtis ## |
| | throughout | C. Ann, Plum. I. | 2 or 3 | | many observers |
| | Feb.25 | Manomet | 1 | | Drury# |
| DOVEKIE: | Jan.14 | George's Bank | "a scattering all day" | | Mason |
| | Feb.4 | Plum I. | 1 | | Tousey |
| | " 15 | Hingham | 1 | | Richard Crenshaw |
| on highway after storm, much emaciated. | | | | | |
| BLACK GUILLEMOT: | Feb.18 | off Cape Ann | 42 | (from boat) | Griscam, Elkinses# |
| | " 23 | " " " | 4 | (from shore) | Nash# |
| PUFFIN: | Jan.20 | 50 miles E of Boston Light | 1 | | Mason |
| <u>MOURNING DOVE:</u> | Wintering where fed in several places, especially Sharon (16). | | | | |
| SCREECH OWL: | Feb.24 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | (rare) collected | Weaver |
| GREAT HORNED OWL: | Feb.5 | W.Gloucester | 2 | | Perkins |
| seen and heard hooting ... in bright sunlight. | | | | | |
| SNOWY OWL: | Feb.18,25 | Hadley, Williamstown | 1,1 | | fide Eliot |
| | throughout | Rockport, Plum I. | 1,1 | | Safford ## |
| BARRED OWL: | Reported throughout. | | | | |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | Feb.13 | Eastham | 1 | | Benchley |
| <u>RICHARDSON'S OWL:</u> | Feb.19 | N. Canaan, N.H. | 1 | | McAlister & Ricard |
| <u>SAW-WHET OWL:</u> | A notable flight. In February at Wells River, Vt., Hanover, N.H., Williamstown, Northfield, Athol, Williamsburg, Springfield, Petersham (3), Lexington, Waltham, and Belmont, Mass. | | | | |
| BELTED KINGFISHER: | early Feb. | Northampton, Sunderland | | last seen | Eliot |
| | Feb.10,11 | Worcester, Athol | 1,1 | | H.Long, fide Allison |
| | Feb.10 | Belmont | 1 | (first since Oct.) | Nash |
| Coastal winterers, Newburyport south, did well. | | | | | |
| FLICKER: | Very scattered; "none" in western Mass. | | | | |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER: | Jan.7, Feb.12, etc. | Framingham | 1 | | O.K.Scott |
| YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: | Feb.20-21 | Northampton | adult male | | Combs |
| HAIRY WOODPECKER: | Feb.17 | Osborn Plantation, Me. | 1 | | Eckstorm |
| | wintering | Wells River, Vt. | 2 or 3 | | Smith |
| and southward, but very few reports. | | | | | |
| <u>ARCTIC THREE-TOED WOODPECKER:</u> | Feb.6 | W. Beckett | 1 | female | Mrs. Ruth I. Derby |
| NORTHERN HORNED LARK: | At 8 or 10 points in Massachusetts. | | | | |

PRAIRIE HORNED LARK: Feb.17 Amherst first Eliot
 " 24 Putney,Vt. " D.Wilson
 Sundry reports have come in of "Prairies" in flocks up to 14 birds. As Prairies, however, are not known to flock in Mass. at this season, and as Northernns are often pale or white-faced, other marks must be sought, such as the song or general paler coloration of O.a.praticola. There remains the possibility of the occurrence of some other western race, such as O.a.hoyt: - which could not be definitely identified in the field.

RAVEN: March 1 Clifton,Me. pair Eckstorm
 in courtship flight. 18 miles from Bangor, where never found until recent years.
 COR. Eckstorm corrects my statement in BUL. No. 1, as follows: Ravens have been increasing somewhat in large, forested areas inland and westward along the coast - not (as stated) on the treeless sheep islands, except for occasional visits. They have profited from the cessation of persuction by sheep raisers.

CROW: Feb.4,7 Mt.Desert I.,Me. 2,6 Eckstorm
 " 13 Windsor,Vt. 6 Weaver
 " 17,24 Williamsburg,Athol first Graves,Allison
 None yet in Wells R., Vt. (Smith) or Concord,N.H. (White).

FISH CROW: Feb.23 Osterville 1 Mrs.J.W.Eaton
 "very noticeably smaller" than 4 accompanying Common Crows flying past "about 60 feet" away.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: Rather few and far between.

WINTER WREN: Feb.2,late Amesbury,Ware 1,1 Kozacka,Conkey
 CAROLINA WREN: Feb.25,29 Manomet,Dedham 1,2 Mason#,H,Pratt#
 " 6,25 Fairfield,Conn. singing Saunders

MOCKINGBIRD: New ones reported from Avon, Conn. (D.Pratt) and E. Lexington (Mrs. C. Burt).

CATBIRD: Feb.4 Middletown, R.I. 1 Drury
 BROWN THRASHER: to Feb.24 at least Waltham 1 Bergstrom #
 ROBIN: throughout Hanover,N.H. 1 regularly Lord
 Feb.18 Cedar Hill,Conn. 25 Bashour #
 " 7,24 Bedford,Winchester 16,6 Clemensson,Snow
 Few other Mass. reports, mostly of single birds.

HERMIT THRUSH: throughout Bedford,Sharon 1,1 wintered Clemensson,Taylor
 Feb.2,5 W.Gloucester 2 Wh.& W.Perkins
 " 22-24 Amherst 1 Dickinson
 " 23 Wollaston,Chestnut Hill 1,1 Bates,Robinson
 " 26 on Milton 2 Mr.& Mrs.Peabody
 one, banded, appeared in fine condition.

BLUEBIRD: Feb. Northfield flock Kirmann
 " 1,15,28 Williamsburg 1,1,9 Graves
 " 7,15 Hadley,Brookline 1,1 heard Cutler,H.Taylor

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: Feb. Putney,Vt. "fairly common" D. Wilson
 RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: late Feb. Brookline,Me. 1 found dead A. Bemis

CEDAR WAXWING: Feb.17 Putney,Vt. 24 A.A.Green
 " 19 Woodsville,N.H. 8 Smith
 " 15,21 Rowe,Holyoke flocks Newton,fide Bagg
 " 25,27 Manomet,Williamstown 12,12 Elkins,Cartwright

NORTHERN SHRIKE: Many,
 MIGRANT SHRIKE: Feb.13 Westport 1 A.Cook
 MYRTLE WARBLER: Feb.5,11 Plum I.,Ipswich 1,1 Safford,Snow#
 MEADOWLARK: Feb.12,25 Fairfield,Conn. singing Saunders

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| RED-WING: | Feb.9 | Lee | "big adult male" | Wallace # |
| | " 15 | Marblehead | 1 to feeder | Mabel E. Beals |
| BRONZED GRACKLE: | Feb.22 | Fairfield, Conn. | 60 est. | Saunders |
| | The January | flocks - wander widely | - seldom 2 days in same place. | |
| | throughout | Bedford | 4 | Clemensson |
| | Feb.11 | Newburyport | 1 | Poor & Scott |
| COWBIRD: | Feb. | Easthampton, Gill | 1,4 still | Riedel, J. Bagg |
| | " 15 | Brockton | 1 to feeder | Crain |
| | " 18,19-24 | Bedford, Wellesley | 2,1 males | Clemensson, Wellman |
| DICKCISSEL: | Feb.29 | Seapowet, R.I. | 1 | fide A. Cook |
| EVENING GROSBEAK: | Feb.5-20 | Hanover, N.H. | 20 | Weaver |
| | " 25,etc. | Woodsville, N.H. | 3-10 | Smith # |
| | " 4-28 | Newburyport, Wrentham, Greenfield, Northfield, Pittsfield, Leeds, Becket - small flocks, | | |
| PURPLE FINCH: | Feb.1 on | Amherst | 53 banded | Mrs. Cutler |
| | None were of last year's hundreds. | | | |
| | More in evidence in late Feb., but no great numbers. | | | |
| | Feb. | Hanover, N.H., Brewer, Me. | "none yet" | Weaver, Weston |
| PINE GROSBEAK: | Feb. | Mass. northward | 26 reports | many observers |
| REDPOLL: | Feb. | Flocks of 1-8 in Hanover, N.H., Williamstown, Williamsburg, Holyoke, Worcester, and Wayland, Mass. | | |
| PINE SISKIN: | | Flocks of 1-6 at Wells River and Putney, Vt., Hanover and Waterville Valley, N.H., Williamstown, Becket, Newburyport, and Wianno, Mass., and Hartford and Cedar Hill, Conn. | | |
| GOLDFINCH: | Feb.8 | Kensington, Conn. | 500 | Giana |
| | " 24 | Conn. Val. | "increase marked" | Eliot |
| | " 4,15 | Needham, Cambridge | 100,30 | Wellman, Nash |
| | " | Hanover, N.H. | many flocks, 10-50 | Weaver |
| | Further flocks noted at Wells River, Vt., and other points. | | | |
| RED CROSSBILL: | Feb.25 | Ware | 1 male | fide Conkey |
| TOWHEE: | Feb. | Fairfield, Conn. | 5 still | Saunders |
| SAVANNAH SPARROW: | wintering | Newton | 1 | Fred Lund |
| JUNCO: | Feb.7 | Jackson, N.H. | 3 (unusual) | Alexander |
| OREGON JUNCO: | Feb. | Three still at Fairfield, Conn., Danvers & Wrentham, Mass. | | |
| TREE SPARROW: | Feb.29 | Georgetown | 100 | Alexander |
| FIELD SPARROW: | Feb.10,17 | Wakefield, etc., R.I. | 1,1 (wintered) | Kraus |
| FOX SPARROW: | A few noted | wintering, Massachusetts southward. | | |
| SWAMP SPARROW: | Feb.4 | Wethersfield, Conn. | 2 | Hoffman # |
| SONG SPARROW: | wintering | Needham, etc. | maximum numbers | Allen |
| | Feb.6,8,13,18 | Fairfield, Conn. | singing | Saunders |
| LAPLAND LONGSPUR: | Feb.19,21-24 | Hartford, etc., Conn. | 2,2-6 | Hoffman#, Meigs |
| | " 24,26 | Amherst, Palmer | 1, several | Nutting, Conkey |
| | " 4,24 | Plum I. | 2,6 | Mr. & Mrs. Curtis# |
| SNOW BUNTING: | Feb.24 | Trenton, Me. | 200 in flock | Eckstorm |
| | Also at Osborn Plantation, etc., Maine, Woodstock & Norwich, Vt., 5 points in N.H. and 17 in Mass. - flocks of 5 - 150 birds. | | | |

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The most convincing evidence of the season's lateness is found in the analyses of various contributors:

A. A. SAUNDERS (Fairfield, Conn.): "I believe it is the latest March I have known." No Phoebe, no Field Sparrow, no Flicker. The terrific ice-storm of March 4 appeared to have little effect on the birds, though greatly damaging the trees. S. A. ELIOT, JR. (Conn. Val.): He suggests the possibility that cold weather during the winter drove Blackbirds, etc. further south than usual, whence it takes them longer to return. G. B. HENDRICKS (Berkshire County): "No real migration at all during the month." No Phoebe. W. P. SMITH (Wells River, Vt.): Minimum temperature -15° (2nd), maximum 57° (31st). Wintry conditions to the end of March, the ground largely snow covered. No Song Sparrow, Robin, or Bluebird; the first time (in records since 1907) that the last two have failed to appear. J. S. READ (West Chesterfield): "--to March 30 there was 30 inches of snow on the level--no open water." A. O. GROSS (Brunswick, Maine): Ice not out of Merrymeeting Bay till April 7. No Purple Finches. D. C. ALEXANDER (Essex County): Spring a good two weeks late (the latest he recalls) with a beginning March 20-21st. Pond ice still almost solid but marshes opening up, especially March 31st. E. A. BENCHLEY, JR. (Martha's Vineyard): "--did not have one warm day before the 29th." C. H. BLAKE (Lincoln): First arrivals 10-13 days later than previous averages, and numbers then still below par. D. L. GARRISON (Boston Region): Not one warm, pleasant day with SW wind all month. It is not surprising that waves of migrants have failed to appear, and it has been interesting to see individuals of some species take advantage of even partly favorable weather (March 20-21 and 28-31) to come north.

Rumor indicates birds well south of us in quantity, dammed back and waiting for a fair opportunity to pour into New England. At least three species, however, seem to have been hard hit by the severe winter in the South -- Woodcock, Phoebe, and Tree Swallow -- and they should be particularly looked for as the season progresses.

D.L.G.

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| RED-THROATED LOON: | March 27 | Meigs Pt., Conn. | 6 | Meigs |
| | | A very few elsewhere, along shore. | | |
| HOLBOELL'S GREBE: | March 10, 25 | Carver, Pittsfield | 3, 1 dead | T. Eliot#, T. R. Smith |
| | " 16 | Mt. Desert, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | | A few others along shore. | | |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | March 21 on | Wayland | 1 | Morgan# |
| | " 30 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| GANNET: | March 31 | M.V., Plum I. | plentiful, 1 | Benchley, Harris# |
| EUROPEAN CORMORANT: | March 16 | Mt. Desert, Me. | 4 | Weston |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | March 10 | Ipswich, Newburyport | 1, 2 | Alexander |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | March 7 | Westfield | 4 | Mrs. R. I. Derby |
| | March 31 | Plum I. | 2 | Mason & Safford |

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| CANADA GOOSE: | March 2 | Chilmark Pd., M.V. | In: 75 | Out: 345 | Benchley |
| | " 11-16 | " " " | 580 | 475 | " |
| | other days | " " " | 345 | 150 | " |
| | March 17 | Plum I. | 235 | "coming north" | Griscom# |
| | " 23 | " | 659 | Safford | |
| | " 24, 27 | " | 500 | " | |
| | " 28-30 | " | 400 | roughly | " |
| | Numbers in the Plum I. area do not seem to correlate in any way with the chief flight days noted by Benchley at the Vineyard. | | | | |
| | March 29 | Little Compton, R.I. | 500 | | Bergstrom, Nash# |
| | Smaller numbers reported at many other points. | | | | |
| | March 20 | Brewer, Me. | flock | | fide Eckstorm |
| | " 31 | Merrymeeting Bay | still frozen. | | |
| BRANT: | March 22, 25 | Vineyard, Chatham | 4, 18 | | Eliot#, Howe |
| | " 9 | Kent's I., Me. | arrival | | Gross |
| <u>BLUE GOOSE:</u> | Feb. 15 | Sakonnet Pt., R.I. | 3 adults | | Robert Foote# |
| | These birds, brought down by the severe blizzard, were so exhausted that one was actually captured and placed in an aviary. Apparently this is the first New England winter record. Note also their occurrence on Long Island last fall, and a few in Atlantic Coast states this winter south as far as Florida. | | | | |
| BLACK DUCK: | March 28-29 | Wayland | 500 | | Morgan |
| | " 16 | Lynnfield | 12 | Green-legs | Griscom# |
| | " late | Martha's Vineyard | 90% | departed | Benchley |
| | " 14 on | Newburyport | diminishing | | Alexander |
| | " 30 | Bucksport & Castine, Me. | 100 plus | | Weston |
| GADWALL: | March 23, 31 | Acoaxet | 8, 1 | | Griscom & Curtis, Hill# |
| EUROPEAN WIDGEON: | March 22 | Poucha Pd., M.V. | 1 | | Eliot & Kraus |
| | " 31 | Portsmouth, R.I. | 3 | | Hill & Drury |
| BALDPATE: | throughout | Poucha Pd., M.V. | 90 | | Benchley |
| | March 23 | Acoaxet | 110 | | Griscom & Curtis |
| | " 31 | SW Rhode Island | 125 | | Kraus |
| PINTAIL: | March 2 | Pt. Judith, etc., R.I. | 49 | | Kraus |
| | " 27 | Little Compton, R.I. | 100 | in flock | Emerson |
| | "highest count ever for this region" | | | | |
| | March 23, 29 on | Acoaxet, Wayland | 25, 10 | | Griscom#, Morgan |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | March 27 | Little Compton, R.I. | 12 | | Emerson |
| | " 28 on | Wayland | 6 | | Morgan |
| | A scattering in March but no flight. | | | | |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | March 6 on, 17 | Chilmark, Tiverton | 1, pair | | Benchley, Taber# |
| | " 28-31 | Wayland & Rhode Island | a few | | Morgan, Kraus# |
| WOOD DUCK: | March 17 | Brookfield, Uxbridge | 20, 30 | | Ekblaw, Sharp |
| | " 22, 28 on | Wayland | 2, 45 | | Morgan |
| | " 23 | W. Newbury, etc. | 4 | | Bergstrom, Henry# |
| REDHEAD: | March 16 on | Poucha Pd., M.V. | about 40 | | Benchley# |
| | About 20 more M.V., 2 Brookline, 1 Middletown, R.I., through March. | | | | |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | March 9, 16 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 drake | | Saunders |
| | with female Scaup. | | | | |
| | March 9 | SW Rhode Island | 7 | | Kraus |
| | " 23 | Lakeville, Wayland | 9, 1 | | Curtis#, Morgan |
| | " 29, 31 | Agawam, W. Newbury | 8, 5 | | Leshure, Harris# |
| CANVASBACK: | March 3, 9, 30 | Worden's Pd. etc., R.I. | 24, 40, last | | Kraus |
| | " 16 on | Poucha Pd., M.V. | 45 | | Benchley |
| | " 1 | Brookline | 2 | | Henry Keyes |

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| SCAUP: | March 9 | Saybrook, Conn. | 1500 | MacDavid# |
| | late March | Martha's Vineyard | gen. departure | Benchley |
| | March 31 | Dighton | 1850 | Robbins |
| | " 17, 19 | Newburyport, Hadley | 120, 3 | Griscom#, Eliot# |
| | " 27 | Bucksport, Me. | 100 (mostly males) | Weston |
| | " 21, 23 | M.V., Acoaxet | 1, 3 Lessers | Griscom#, Eliot# |
| AMERICAN GOLDENEYE: | March 17 | Newburyport region | 1100 est. | Griscom# |
| BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: | March 13 | Lynn | 1 drake | H.C. Kennington |
| HARLEQUIN: | March 3 | C. Ann, Manomet | 1, 2 (distant) | Griscom#, Hill# |
| | " 8, 22 | Martha's Vineyard | 15, 9 | Benchley, Eliot# |
| <u>KING EIDER:</u> | Feb. 25 | Barnstable | 4 ad. males | J.W. Eaton |
| | March 31 | Acoaxet | 3 | Hill & Drury |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | March 20 etc. | Blue Hill, Me. | 25 plus | Weston & Eckstorm |
| SURF SCOTER: | March 17 | Westport shore | 2500 | Taber & Stackpole |
| RUDDY DUCK: | March 21 | Martha's Vineyard | 30 plus | Eliot# |
| | " 31 | Portsmouth, R.I. | 12 | Drury & Hill |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | March 20 on | Wayland | pair | Hill, Parker# |
| | " 25, 31 | Acoaxet | 20, none | F. Elkins |
| | " 29 | Agawam | 9 | Leshure |
| GOSHAWK: | March 6-27 | at Jamaica Plain, Wilbraham, Granby, Squibnocket, and Wayland. | | |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | No appreciable migration reported. | | | |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | March 3-31 | at Yarmouth, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Easthampton, Amherst, and Westport. | | |
| RED-TAILED HAWK: | March 3 | Northampton | 1 "C.V. first" | Madeira & Weeks |
| | " 24 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 arrived | Smith |
| | A scattering throughout; most March 28-31. | | | |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | March 9 | Hadley | pair courting | Eliot |
| | " 16 | Bennington, Vt. | 1 | L.H. Ross |
| | Throughout the month a good many, especially March 21 on, and March 31. | | | |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK: | March 18 | W. Becket | 1 | Ruth I. Derby |
| ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: | March 16 | Mt. Desert, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | " 21-31 | Martha's Vineyard | 7-0 | Eliot, Benchley |
| | " 4-31 | Eastern Mass. | 5 reports. | |
| GOLDEN EAGLE: | March 2 | Newburyport | 1 imm. | Morgan# |
| BALD EAGLE: | March 31 | Newburyport | 4 imm. still | Alexander |
| | 14 others reported during the month. | | | |
| MARSH HAWK: | March 21 on | Mass. etc. | arriving | many observers |
| | " 21 | Plum I. | 1 female | Safford |
| OSPREY: | March 25 | Seapowet, R.I. | 2 | Mrs. Ruecker |
| | " 29, 31 | Wayland, Huntington | 1, 2 | Morgan, Cross |
| <u>WHITE GYRFALCON:</u> | March 29 | Plum I. | 1 | Safford |
| | seen once flying rapidly by, once perched on ice. | | | |
| GYRFALCON: | "during the winter" Kent's I., Me. 1 "light phase" fide Gross | | | |
| PIGEON HAWK: | March 15, 28 | Gt. Barrington, etc. | 1, 1 | fide Hendricks |
| SPARROW HAWK: | March 3 | Fairfield, Conn. | pair in nest | tree Saunders |
| | " 27 | Bucksport, Me. | 1 female | Weston |
| | " 28 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| COOT: | March 21-22 | Martha's Vineyard | "quite a few" | Eliot# |
| | " 23, 24 | Acoaxet, Scituate | 1, 1 | Curtis#, Nash# |
| PIPING PLOVER: | March 31 | Acoaxet | 2 | F. Elkins |
| KILDEER: | March 17 | Tiverton, R.I., etc. | several | Kraus, Taber# |
| | " 17 | Wakefield | 3 | John Daniel |
| | " 18 | Holyoke etc., Sudbury | 2, 2 | Clark, L. Smith |

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| WOODCOCK: | March 17 | E. Berlin, Conn. | 2 | Langdon |
| | " 16 | Salem | fresh borings only Geo. Benson | |
| | " 21 | Newbury | 1 heard | Isabel Hoopes |
| A scattering thereafter, but notably scarce everywhere. | | | | |
| WILSON'S SNIBE: | March 8 | Amesbury | 1 | Elmer Worthley |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | March 23, 31 | Westport | 1, 2 | Griscom#, F. Jones# |
| PURPLE SANDPIPER: | March 9 | Saybrook, Conn. | 3 | Hoffman# |
| | " 31 | Middletown, R.I. | 93 | Drury & Hill |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | March 17, 21 | Eastham, Westport | 33, 30 | Davis#, Eliot# |
| SANDERLING: | March 17 | Eastham | 10 | Davis, Held, Hill |
| NORTHERN SKUA: | Word has been received that the Northern Skua collected by Miss Randall at Swampscott on Feb. 4 was banded as a nestling at Hermaness (the most northerly point of the Shetland Islands) on July 3rd, 1939; and that this is the first bird banded in Great Britain ever to be retaken in the United States. | | | |
| IVORY GULL: | March | Mt. Desert, Me. | 1 collected | fide Weston |
| | " winter" | Kent's I., Me. | 1 repeatedly | fide Gross |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | March 17 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | Hoffman |
| | " 26-27 | near Springfield | 1 | Miss Stebbins# |
| Others alongshore, especially at Gloucester. | | | | |
| ICELAND GULL: | March 11, 21 | Woods Hole | 1 | Hagar, Eliot |
| A few others coastwise northward. | | | | |
| KUMLIEN'S GULL: | March 17 | Newburyport | 1 adult | Griscom# |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | March 31 | Fairfield, Conn. | still present | Saunders |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | March 17 | Potter's Pd., R.I. | 16 | Kraus |
| LAUGHING GULL: | March 31 | Martha's Vineyard | 1 | Benchley |
| RAZOR-BILLED AUK: | March 2, 4 | Plum I., Gloucester | 1 dead, 1 oiled | Morgan#, Slade# |
| | " 31 | Westport shore | 1 in sum. plu. but oiled | F. Elkins# |
| ATLANTIC MURRE: | March 10 | Ipswich | 1 dead | Emilio & Alexander |
| BRÜNNICH'S MURRE: | March 4, 3-10 | Gloucester, Nahant | 1, 1 | Smolker#, Sands# |
| BLACK GUILLEMOT: | March 21 | Vineyard Sound | 1 | Kraus# |
| | " 28 | Nahant | 1 | F.H. Allen |
| MOURNING DOVE: | Hard to separate winterers from migrants, but apparent arrival last days of March (southern New Eng.). | | | |
| BARRED OWL | March 3 | Eddington, Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | March 17, 24 | Ipswich | 1 Clark's Pd. | Audubon party# |
| SAW-WHET OWL: | March 7-13 | at Templeton, Athol, N. Adams, and Belmont. | | |
| BELTED KINGFISHER: | March 29, 31 | Northampton, etc. | arrivals | Eliot, Clark |
| FLICKER: | March 27-9, 30 | Cambridge, Lincoln | arrivals | S. Harris, Blakes |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER: | March 2, etc. | Farmington, Conn. | nest found | Bashour# |
| | " | Avon, Conn. | 1 | D. Pratt |
| | " 10, 17 | Princeton, Framingham | 1, 1 | Chapman, Scott |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER: | March 28 | eastern Hancock Co., Me. | pairing | Eckstorm |
| ARCTIC THREE-TOED WOODPECKER: | March 2 | Brewer, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | March 19 | W. Beckett | 1 | Mrs. Derby |
| PHOEBE: | March 29 on | Waltham | 1 heard | Mrs. P. Bergstrom |
| | " 30, 31 | Belmont, Sudbury | 1, 1 | Robbins#, L. Smith |
| | " 31 | Arcadia, Danvers | 1, 1 | Combs, Alexander# |
| And that's all. | | | | |
| NORTHERN HORNED LARK: | March 8 | Glastonbury, Conn. | 1000 | fide Belden |
| | " 31 | Fairfield, Conn. | still present | Saunders |
| | " 23 | Wells River, Vt. | (ssp.? heard the 14th) | Smith |
| PRAIRIE HORNED LARK: | March | Martha's Vineyard | many singing | Benchley |
| | " 17, 21 | Danvers, Wayland | 1, 4 | Griscom, Morgan |
| | " 20 | Penobscot | 5 | Weston |

CORRECTION: The statement in the last Bulletin that Prairies do not flock in Massachusetts in the spring has been questioned, and properly, for they do flock with Northerns. In eastern Massachusetts, at least, they do not occur separately more than two, or possibly four, together. Eckstorm & Weston, however, find flocks of 20 to 25 Horned Larks near Brewer, Maine, these being normally Prairies, as collection proves.

HORNED LARK, SSP.?: A flock of 12 at Belmont (March 9) were deemed by Robbins # not to be Northernns; likewise 12 at Ossipee, N. H. (March 30) seen by R. Livermore. A single immature at Concord (March 16) with 20 Northernns appeared grayer and of different size to Griscom and others. None was collected.

TREE SWALLOW: March 20 Northampton 4 Combs
" 23 Wayland 4 Miss L. Smith
" 29,31 " 2,4 Morgan#
" 31 Topsfield 1 Emilio & Alexander

BLUE JAY: March 27 Bucksport, Me. 2 Weston

RAVEN: March 16 Mt. Desert, I., Me. 3 Weston
" 20 Kent's I., Me. 4 eggs Gross
" 28 eastern Hancock Co., Me. nesting Eckstorm

CROW: March 3 Wells River, Vt. arrival Smith
" 7 Ossipee, N.H. 5 Mrs. Pratt
" 9 Brewer, etc., Me. 14 first Weston & Eckstorm
" 28 Westford 270 plus E. M. Abbot
" 31 Plum I. sev. 100 per hour Tousey#
moving north alongshore in bunches of 1 to 12.

FISH CROW: March 21 S. Windsor, Conn. 2 Crompton

ACADIAN CHICKADEE: March 23 Franconia, N.H. 4 H. Pratt
at top of Cannon Mt. - 4000 feet.

NUTHATCHES: A scattering, especially southward. White-breasts at Fairfield, Conn., singing almost daily since March 12 - which is unusual (Saunders).

BROWN CREEPER: March 29 Wells River, Vt. arrival Smith
A scattering southward, but not many.

WINTER WREN: March 10 Kensington, Conn. 1 wintered Schmidt

CAROLINA WREN: March 29 Waltham 1 singing loudly Thayer#

MOCKINGBIRD: At Westerly and Tiverton, R.I., New Britain, Conn. (2), Belchertown, N. Andover, Quincy, Springfield, Longmeadow, Watertown, Mass., etc.

BROWN THRASHER: to March 25 at least Waltham 1 Mrs. H. E. Davis
February Boylston 1 fide Ekblaw

ROBIN: Winter strays appeared in the first 3 weeks of March and a scattering of presumed bona fide migrants thereafter, but at the end of the month they had not come even as far north as Massachusetts in full numbers.
Feb. 22 Brunswick, Me. 1 heard well Colburn
March 22 Boxford 14 Perkins
" 25,27 Sharon 9 migrants, many Taylor
" 27 Conn. Val. arrival? (in song) Eliot
" 28 " " more arrived "
" 29,30 Sudbury Val. 3,14 Morgan, L. Smith

HERMIT THRUSH: Winterers at Worcester, Springfield, Arcadia Sanctuary.

BLUEBIRD: Arrival much as Robins'.
March 16 Fairfield, Conn. 2 arrived Saunders
" 13-14 Bedford 4 Clemensson
" 19 Northampton region arrivals Eliot
but none seen March 23-8.
March 20,22 Belmont, Sharon 1,1 Robbins, Taylor
" 23,31 Topsfield, Essex Co. 1,20 Benson, Emilio#
" 29,31 Wayland 5,7 Morgan
" 20 Holden, Me. 1 fide Eckstorm

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| GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: | March 1,9 | Clifton,Eddington,Me. | 2,2 | Eckstorm |
| | March 16 | Mt.Desert,Me. | 5 | Weston |
| | " 24 | Wells River,Vt. | arrival | Smith |
| BOHEMIAN WAXWING: | Feb. 24 | Sullivan,N.H. | 30 | George B. Lay |
| | March 17 | Amherst | 1 | Ethel M. Smith |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | March 15-20 | Amherst | 50 | E. M. Smith# |
| | Small flocks at Hartford,Conn., Bedford, Waltham, and Harwichport. | | | |
| NORTHERN SHRIKE: | Numerous throughout. Marked migration in Connecticut Valley, March 16-20 (Eliot #). | | | |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE: | March 9 on | Concord | 1 | Taber## |
| | " 9 | Newburyport | 1 | Alexander |
| | " 23 on | Wayland | 1 | Morgan# |
| | " 31 | Lakeville | 1 | Smolker |
| | " 31 | Somerset | 1 | Alice Cook |
| | This is a lot of Migrant Shrikes. | | | |
| STARLING: | March 8 | Brewer,Me. | "large flock migrating" | Weston |
| | " 9 | " " | 200 "evidently migrants" | Eckstorm |
| MYRTLE WARBLER: | March 6 | Seapowet,R.I. | 3 | A.Cook |
| | " 10 | Kensington,Conn. | 2 | Schmidt |
| | " 24 | Ipswich | 20 | Batchelder & Alexander |
| MEADOWLARK: | Apparently more scattered wintering birds than spring arrival records: | | | |
| | Feb. 28-March 15: S. Deerfield, Agawam, Lexington, Bedford, Rocky Hill,Conn. (3), Bangor,Me. etc. etc. | | | |
| | March 16-31: Bennington,Vt. (7 - L.H.Ross), Wayland, Northampton, N. Amherst, Huntington, Mass., Fairfield,Conn. (definite migrant, the 31st), and Tamworth, N.H. | | | |
| RED-WING: | March 2 | Nantucket | 2 | Shurrocks |
| | " 6,9 | Seapowet,Kingston,R.I. | 1,2 | A.Cook,Kraus |
| | " 14 | Worcester,Waltham | first,1 | Mrs.Howe,Mrs.Bergstrom |
| | " 15 | Bedford,W.Roxbury | 8,25 | Clemensson,Allen |
| | " 16 | Fairfield,Conn. | 10 positive migrants | Saunders |
| | " 16 | M.V., Agawam | first,1 | Benchley,Stetson |
| | " 16 | Wayland,Waltham | 22 | Taber & Stackpole |
| | " 20 | Conn.Val.,Plum I. | scattering,4 | Eliot,Safford |
| | " 28 | Wayland,Reading | 300,100 | Morgan,Turner |
| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | March 15 | W.Roxbury | 15 est. | Allen |
| | " 20 | Gt.Barrington | flock | Mrs.Rinsma |
| | " 21 | Wayland | 22 | Griscom,Garrison# |
| | " 23 | Plum I. | 150 | Safford |
| | " 27 | Andover | large flock | Kelloggs |
| | Various lesser flocks, no consistent migration. | | | |
| BRONZED GRACKLE: | March 4 | N. Adams | 6 | LaBeau |
| | " 10,11 | Northampton,Springfield | 1,a few | Oehlof,Rockwood |
| | " 13,14 | Boston,Newburyport | 1,present | Batchelder,Hanley |
| | " 16-21 | A scattering to much of Conn. & Mass. | | |
| | " 27 | Andover | "huge flock" | Kelloggs |
| | " 28 | Wayland,Reading | 500,200 | Garrison,Turner |
| COWBIRD: | March 1 on,14 on | Bedford | 2(wintered),3 | Clemensson |
| | " 5 | Boylston | 10 | Mrs.W.Gray Harris |
| | " 17 | Wakefield,R.I. | 35 | Kraus |
| | " 23,24 | southern Mass. | 10,12 | Curtis#,J.Eaton |
| | " 23,24 | Cambridge,Northampton | 1,2 | Nash,Rockwood |
| | Scattered increase thereafter. | | | |

CARDINAL: throughout Sutton 1 male John C. Dudley
This bird has been present since Dec. 12, 1939 (as reported by Eliot, who saw it March 31) and should be added to New England's 1939 list.

EVENING GROSBEAK: throughout Williamstown 80 Cartwright
In March at N. Beverly (3), Worcester (9), W. Boylston (15), Wakefield (24), Longmeadow (16), Newburyport (32) Mass., and Bennington, Vt. ("big flock").

PURPLE FINCH: Thinly distributed, increasing in spots late in the month.

PINE GROSBEAK: March Berkshire County "many flocks" Hendricks
" 28 Brewer, Me. last 1 Weston
Numerous reports but substantially fewer than February.

REDPOLL: March 4-7 Ossipee, N.H. 50 Mrs. Pratt
" 27 Williamsburg small flock Graves
" 30 Castine, Me. 50 plus Weston#
" 31 Wells River, Vt. present Smith

PINE SISKIN: March 12 Wianno 30 J. Eaton
" 3-31 Flocks of 1-4 at Manomet, Andover, and Winchester, Mass., Holden, Me., Wells River, Vt., and Hartford and Cedar Hill, Conn.

TOWHEE: March 28 Kensington, Conn. pair Schmidt
" 31 Beverly 1 singing Lois Hatch

IPSWICH SPARROW: March 16 Duxbury 2 Morgan#
" 21 Martha's Vineyard 1 Eliot#
" 31 Ipswich 1 Stackpole#

SAVANNAH SPARROW: March 1, 3 Fairfield, etc., Conn. 1, 1 Saunders, Hoffman#
" 3 Brewster 1 (possibly labradoriensis) Hill#

HENSLow'S SPARROW: Feb. 29, etc. W. Bridgewater 1 M.K. Mason#
at feeder several days. Well seen and convincingly described.

OREGON JUNCO: March 22 on Wayland 1 to feeder Morgan
The Fairfield, Conn., Danvers & Wrentham, Mass., birds still present.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: Fewer wintering birds noted than earlier.

FOX SPARROW: March 19 Sharon "arrived" W.A. Taylor
Wintering individuals obscure the picture, but migration apparently reached Connecticut about the 22nd and eastern Mass. the 31st - pretty much on time.

SONG SPARROW: March 16 Conn. Val. generally distributed Eliot#
" 22-9 eastern Mass. " " Harris#

LAPLAND LONGSPUR: March 7-15 Williamsburg 1 with Snowflakes Graves
" 17 Newbury 2 Eaton & Cottrells
The song of one (given from ground & air) was longer, louder, and sweeter than a Horned Lark's song.
March 19-20 E. Hadley 2 or 3 with Larks Pease#
(Previous latest in Conn. Val. was March 11, 1934.) Eliot
March 24, 30 Plum I. 2, 7 K. Curtis#, Safford
" 31 Danvers 2 nearly full plu. Alexander#

SNOW BUNTING: March 31 Danvers 1 in full breeding plu. Alexander#
Many flocks of up to 150 birds reported.
March 1 Fairfield, Conn. 3 with Larks & Savannah Sparrow
"They perched in small trees." A.A. Saunders.

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The April migration was exceptionally interesting. Various factors combined to produce a sequence of events quite different from arrivals in a normal year.

The continuous cold weather delayed most species, and landbirds, in many cases, arrived not only late but depleted in numbers. There was one real wave of transients at the end of April and on into May 1st. Otherwise waves were local and limited, although Sparrows in general surged forward from about the 7th to the 14th.

The lateness of the spring is estimated at 2 - 3 weeks by most contributors, and none of them mentions recalling a more backward season. Ice stayed in Onota and Pontoosuc Lakes (Berkshire Co.) till the end of the month, according to G. B. Hendricks, and in Penacook Lake (Concord, N. H.) till May 1st, according to F. B. White. J. S. Read (West Chesterfield) had 6-10" of snow April 23rd, and W. P. Smith (Wells River, Vt.) writes "April was cool..." with 10" of snow on the 13th - more during the month than in either December or January! Weaver had freezing temperatures at Hanover, N.H., every night the last week in April.

Though the March birds arrived late - some Robins and Red-wings were still in flocks at the very end of the month - a number of the early May migrants came through almost on schedule.

Shorebirds, meanwhile, arrived from the far south early, characteristically indifferent to our weather.

The gale of April 21st brought with it from the Southwest a Scarlet Tanager, a Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and two Indigo Buntings, species scarcely anticipated before May in such a season.

There is some evidence that birding was better than usual in southeastern New England, because migrants accumulated there rather than passing on normally northward.

There was a good hawk flight at Mt. Tom on April 28th (F. Elkins, Benchley).

Fresh water ducks were found in no great numbers, partly because water levels were so high (Belden).

It is hard to estimate the extent of mortality among birds which wintered in the southeastern states. There is an impression among observers that some species were very hard hit. Observers disagree, however, in many cases, and undoubtedly different bird populations were variously affected by the bad winter. It is said, for instance, that Tree Swallows along the Carolina coast fed during cold spells on bayberries. Tree Swallows in Florida, on the other hand, had never learned such habits, and perished in great numbers when confronted by adverse conditions. The Tree Swallows of still further south, say Central America, presumably got by in comfort. The combined impressions of a number of active field men indicates particular depletion of the following species: Killdeer, Woodcock, Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Hermit Thrush, Brown Creeper, Kinglets, especially the Golden-crowned, and perhaps Blue-headed Vireo.

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| COMMON LOON: | April 14 | W. Hartford, Conn. | 24 | Hunt# |
| | " 30 | Enfield, N.H. | 6 | Weaver |
| RED-THROATED LOON: | April 19 | Nantucket Sound | 50 (from steamer) | Cottrells |
| HOLBOELL'S GREBE: | April 4 | E. Dennis | flock of 33 | Long |
| | Some were courting, striking their bills together. | | | |
| | April 13 | Easthampton, Waltham | 1,1 | Weeks, Taber# |
| | " 15-22 | W. Hartford, Conn. | 1 | Holcomb# |
| | " 30 | Enfield, N.H. | 1 | Forsyth & Haskins |
| HORNED GREBE: | April 3, 24 | Rhode Island coast | 50, 45 | Kraus |
| | Inland reports in 7 places and the usual coastal birds. | | | |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | General arrival in April, mostly the second half. | | | |
| | April 26 | Longmeadow | building nest | Leshure |
| GANNET: | April 19 | Monomoy, Nantucket Id. | 50, 25 | Scott#, Cottrells |
| EUROPEAN CORMORANT: | April 26 | Plum I. | 2 | Griscom & Mayr |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | April 19 | Castine, Me. | 4 | Weston |
| | April 28 | Warren, R.I. | 250 | Bowen |
| | " 29 | Cambridge | 400 plus | E.V. Watson |
| | "flying due north over Mt. Auburn ... in one long, thin line." | | | |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | April 5 | Fairfield, Conn. | 16 flying low | Saunders |
| | " 8, 9, 10, 11 to Longmeadow, Hanover, N.H., Franklin, Me., and Ossipee, N.H. | | | |
| AMERICAN EGRET: | April 17 | Springfield | 1 along River | Gertrude Allen |
| LITTLE BLUE HERON: | April 8 | Dover | 2 | W.P. Henderson |
| | " 19 | Brewster | 1 | Brookline B.C. |
| | " 30 | S. Dartmouth | 1 (sp.?) | Mrs. Reynolds# |
| | Thought possibly Snowy Egret. "plumes on the head, black bill and legs - but she could not see the feet." | | | |
| GREEN HERON: | April 27 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | April 1, 7, 19 | Plum I. | 2, 27, 153 | Safford |
| AMERICAN BITTERN: | April 7 | Plum I. | 1 | Safford |
| | " 10 | Cromwell, Conn. | 1 | Hartford B.C. |
| | " 12 on | late, thin, and scattered arrival. | | |
| SWAN, SPECIES?: | April 25 | Waltham | 1 | Bergstrom |
| | Briefly seen. No park swans known of locally. | | | |
| CANADA GOOSE: | April 2 | Chilmark Pd. | 200 arrived | Benchley |
| | " 2-12 | Conn. Val. | flocks almost daily | Eliot |
| | "much more numerous than usual." | | | |
| | mid-April | Plum I. region | 1200 (peak) | Alexander |
| | "Only about 20% of last year's exceptional flight." | | | |
| | April 7 | Merry meeting Bay, Me. | ice went out | Gross |
| | " 9, 11 | " " | 2000, 5000 | " |
| | There was one albino, white except for the head and neck, where pale dusky replaced the usual black. | | | |
| | April 20 | Merry meeting Bay | 25000 est. | H.C. Kennington |
| | " 14 | Hockamock Marshes, Me. | 1000 est. | Eckstorm |
| BRANT: | April 1, 29 | M.V., Naushon I. | 10, 7 | Benchley, Forbes |
| | " 7 | Westport, Monomoy | 50, 280 | Taber#, Hill# |
| | to April 14 | Kent's I., Me. | 1000 | Gross |
| GREATER SNOW GOOSE: | April 6 | Brunswick, Me. | 14 | Gross |
| MALLARD: | April 11 | Hadley | 11 | Bagg & Conkey |
| BLACK DUCK: | April 7, 21 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, peak | Haskins# |
| | " 11 | Wells River, Vt. | 3 | Smith |
| | " 18 | Brewer, Me. | 1 dark-legged | Weston |
| | " 6 | S. Wethersfield, Conn. | 500 | Hartford B.C. |
| | " 14 | Newburyport | 1200 | Alexander# |
| | " 11 | Merry meeting Bay, Me. | 500 | Gross |

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| GADWALL: | April 10 | Ipswich | 1 | Alexander |
| | " 13 | Hyannis | pair | J. Eaton |
| | " 17 | Huntington | 1 | G. Allen |
| EUROPEAN WIDGEON: | April 14 | Portsmouth, R.I. | 3 males | Gibbs |
| BALDPATE: | April 8-14 | Portsmouth, R.I. | 300 | Gibbs |
| | A few reported at various other points. | | | |
| PINTAIL: | April 7 | Wayland | 35 | Morgan, Garrison# |
| | " 7 | W. Newbury | 30 | Emilio & Alexander |
| | Good flight. One to five reported a dozen other places. | | | |
| EUROPEAN TEAL: | April 7 | Eastham | 1 drake | Wyman Richardson |
| | A female with it looked less grey, more buffy than the females of 7 Green-wings nearby. | | | |
| | April 7 | Ipswich | 1 drake | Emilio & Alexander |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | March 28 | Agawam | first 1 | Leshure |
| | April 7 etc. | Wayland | 25 | Morgan# |
| | " 14 | Ipswich | 75 est. | Taber# |
| | No numbers elsewhere, a scattering throughout. | | | |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | April 14, 16 | Ipswich, Marshfield | 12, 11 | Emilio#, B. Chase# |
| | Two to seven reported other places. No marked flight. | | | |
| SHOVELER: | to April 4 | Chathamport | 1 drake | Long# |
| WOOD DUCK: | Good numbers throughout. | | | |
| | They not infrequently investigate chimneys for nesting sites. Two are reported as arriving safely in fireplaces downstairs, and one of these birds layed an egg before being removed from behind the fire screen! (Notman) | | | |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | Flight well distributed but in no great numbers. | | | |
| | April 27, 30 | Wayland | 22, 1 | Morgan, Griscom |
| | " 26 | near Greenville, Me. | 1 female | Eckstorm |
| CANVASBACK: | April 6-20 | Worden's Pd., R.I. | 60-3 | Kraus |
| | " 9, 13 | S. Hadley, Turner's Falls | pair (same?) | Mills, J. Bagg |
| | " 17, 19 on | Washington, Eastham | 2, 1 | G. Allen, Scott# |
| | " 20 | Nantucket | 9 | Cottrells |
| SCAUP, AM. GOLDENEYE: | April | About normal. | | |
| BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: | April 1 | Newburyport | 1 drake | H. Coolidge |
| | " 14 | " | pair late | Griscom, Taber# |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | April 14-25 | Inland at W. Hartford, Conn., Holyoke, L. Onota, and Sudbury, Mass. | | |
| OLDSQUAW: | April 19 | Monomoy, Nantucket Sd. | 2000, 1000 | Scott#, Cottrells |
| AMERICAN EIDER: | April 14 | Mt. Desert, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| KING EIDER: | April 7 on | off Plum I. | 1 drake | Emilio, Lawson## |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER | April 19 | Monomoy, Nantucket Sd. | 4000, 2000 | Bishop#, Cottrells |
| SURF SCOTER: | April 14 | Mt. Desert, Me. | 6 | Weston |
| | " 19 | Nantucket Sound | 1000 | Cottrells |
| AMERICAN SCOTER: | April 19 | Nantucket Sound | 1000 | Cottrells |
| RUDDY DUCK: | April 3 | Truston Pd., R.I. | 6 | Kraus |
| | " 19, 29 | Eastham, Pittsfield | 3, 1 | Griscom#, Bailey |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | April 15 | Hanover, N.H. | 2 | West |
| | Small numbers (1-4) throughout. | | | |
| AM. & RED-BREASTED MERGANSERS: | About normal. | | | |
| <u>TURKEY VULTURE:</u> | April 25 | Mt. Tom | 1 | Mrs. F. Merrick# |
| | " 28 | " " | 2 | H. & F. Elkins# |
| | " 28 | Mt. Tekoa | 1 | Hagar |
| | " 30 | Sunderland | 1 | C. McCoy# |
| GOSHAWK: | April 2-19 | At S. Hadley, Brookline, Sudbury, Cohasset, Weston, and Bear Mt. | | |

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| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | Fairly good flight. | | |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | Likewise, especially the last days of the month. | | |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | April 3 Wells River, Vt. | arrived | Smith |
| | " 2 Eddington, Me. | not yet on breeding grounds | Eckstorm |
| | " 20 Wayland | 3 eggs in nest | Morgan |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK: | April 10, 12 Northampton, etc. | 1, 1 close | Wakeman, Riedel |
| | " 22 only Conn. Val. | "considerable flight" | Eliot |
| | " 26 Beverly | 1 | W. Perkins |
| | " 27 Wells River, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| | " 30 Hebron, Me. | 75 plus | R.S. Davey |
| ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK; | April 1, 9 Waltham, Longmeadow | 1, 1 | Bergstrom, Leshure |
| BALD EAGLE: | April Conn. Val. | none | Eliot |
| | " 2-30 eastern Mass. | 4 | various observers |
| | " 14 Georgetown, Me. | pair nesting | Eckstorm |
| MARSH HAWK: | April 5 Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Forsyth & Haskins |
| | " 10 Weston (Aroostook Co.) | 1 | Eckstorm |
| | " 14, 19 Plum I. | 11, 14 (peak) | Safford |
| OSPREY: | April 19 Hanover, N.H. | 1 "unusual" | Forsyth & Haskins |
| | " second half Mass., etc. | good flight | Elkins, Benchley |
| PIGEON HAWK: | Doubtful records April 5 on. | | |
| | Fair flight the last 4 or 5 days of the month. | | |
| SPARROW HAWK: | April 19 Plum I. | 18 peak | Safford |
| RUFFED GROUSE: | April 25 Hanover, N.H. | drumming | Weaver |
| SORA: | April 27 Belmont | 1 | Cottrells |
| FLORIDA GALLINULE: | April 27 S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid# |
| COOT: | April 1-16 1-3 at Brewster, Hatfield, Longmeadow, Mass., and Little Compton, R.I. | | |
| PIPING PLOVER: | April 5 Plum I. | 2 | Safford |
| | " 7 Monomoy, Westport | 35, 15 | Nash#, Eaton# |
| KILLDEER: | April Hartford, Conn. region | none | Belden# |
| | " 14 Essex County | only 8 | large party |
| | " 13 Crawford Notch | 1 | R. Livermore |
| | Reported scarce (or missing) throughout. | | |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | April 7, 13 Eastham | 2, 4 | Hill#, Curtises |
| | (April 15 Forbush shows as the earliest date.) | | |
| | April 27 Galilee, R.I. | 2 | Kraus |
| RUDDY TURNSTONE: | April 13 Eastham | 1 (also early rec.) | Curtises |
| WOODCOCK: | April 5 Bedford | 2 | Clemensson |
| | " 9, 14 " | 1 found dead each day | " |
| | " 8 W. Chesterfield | "very plentiful" | Read |
| | Most observers, however, report them from 50% down to 5% of normal. | | |
| WILSON'S SNIBE: | Poor flight but good flight not expected with water levels so high. Only 2 Conn. Val. records, for instance (April 26 & 30)! | | |
| HUDSONIAN CURLEW: | April 13 Jerusalem, R.I. | 2 close | Coman & Kraus |
| | " 19 S. Chatham | 1 (early) | Griscom, Bishop# |
| UPLAND PLOVER: | April 19 Hanover, N.H. | 1 (scarce) | Weaver |
| | " 25 E. Berlin, Conn. | 1 | Langdon |
| | " 30 Concord | 1 | Griscom |
| SPOTTED SANDPIPER: | April 15 Hanover, N.H. | 2 | Weaver |
| | " 26 Holyoke | 1 | Mitchell |
| | " 29, 30 Conn. Val. | "late & few" | Eliot |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | April 16-17 Williamsburg | 1 only | Graves |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | April 4 on Newburyport | 11 etc. | Safford |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | April 14 Newburyport | 1 | Harris & Smith |
| | Others thereafter. Compare Forbush: April 29. | | |

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| PURPLE SANDPIPER: | April 26 | Newburyport | 200 full plu. | Griscom & Mayr |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | April 28 | Card's Pd., R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | April 13, 14 | Eastham, Westport | 100, 70 | Curtis, Bowen |
| SANDERLING: | April 7 | Eastham | 20 | Hill, Parker, Davis |
| | " 28 | Ipswich | 1 | Troop One B.C. |
| RED PHALAROPE: | April 14 | Monomoy | 30 | Mr. & Mrs. Curtis |
| NORTHERN PHALAROPE: | April 14 | Monomoy | 3 (close) | Curtises |
| | Compare Forbush's May 1, and mass flight of Reds April 19, 1938. | | | |
| HERRING GULL: | April 28, 29 | Wakefield, Hanover, N.H. | 1, 6 | Pratt, Weaver |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | April 14 | Acoaxet | 40 | Bowen |
| LAUGHING GULL: | April 19 | Nantucket Sound | 25 | Cottrells |
| | " 23 | Nahant | 2 | F.H. Allen |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | April 13 | Turner's Falls | 2 | J.L. Bagg |
| | Earliest ever in Conn. Val. | | | |
| | April 14 | Newburyport | 3 | Griscom, Weaver# |
| RAZOR-BILLED AUK: | April 2 | Gay Head, Acoaxet | 2, 1 | Benchley, Davis# |
| | " 19 | Monomoy | 1 full plu. | Bishop, Scott# |
| BLACK GUILLEMOT: | April 7 | E. Gloucester | 1 | Smolker, Robbins# |
| MOURNING DOVE: | April 7 | Hanover, N.H. | arrival - 1 | Forsyth & Haskins |
| | Spotty. Numbers possibly reduced. | | | |
| GREAT HORNED OWL: | April 13 | Conn. Val. | 2 yg. well grown | Hagar |
| BARRED OWL: | April 9-14 | Hartford, Conn. | 1 in city | Fellows# |
| | " 10 | Belmont | 1 | Elkins# |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | April 7-28 | Conn. & Mass. | 6 birds reported | ## |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT: | April 28, 30 | Wayland | 2, 25 | Griscom, Morgan |
| | " 30 | Concord, N.H. | small number | J. Fisher |
| | " 30 | Lewiston, Me. | 10 | F. Jones |
| BELTED KINGFISHER: | April 19 | Concord, Enfield, N.H. | 1, 1 | White, Haskins# |
| | " 29 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| | " 30 | Brewer, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | Late and spotty arrival. | | | |
| FLICKER: | April 8 | Williamsburg | arrived | Graves |
| | " 26 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 " | Weaver |
| | " 29 | Mariaville, Me. | " | Weston & Eckstorm |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | April 15, 27, 28 | Melrose | 1 | Jess Blackstone |
| | April 26 | Northampton | 1 | Combs |
| YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: | April 10 | Hartford, Conn. | 4 | Belden# |
| | April 8 | Williamsburg | 1 | Graves |
| | " 13 | Wells River, Vt. | 4 | Smith |
| | " 19 | Chatham, Waltham, etc. | 3 | Scott, Bergstrom# |
| | " 24 | Dedham, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| AMERICAN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER: | April 29 | Mt. Tom | 1 | Merrick & Riedels |
| KINGBIRD: | April 30 | Gaylordsville, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | "earliest in 23 years...." | | | |
| PHOEBE: | April 2 | Fairfield, Conn. | first | Saunders |
| | " 11 | Brunswick, Me. | " | Gross |
| | " 15 | Wells River, Vt. | "perching on ice cake" | Smith |
| | " 19 | Brewer, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | (None for Eckstorm in the Brewer region.) | | | |
| | Mid-April | Waltham | 1 found dead | Bergstrom |
| | April 2-28 | Mass. | 4 in 5 trips | Harvard O.C. |
| NORTHERN HORNED LARK: | April 26 | Northampton, Essex Co. | late flocks | Eliot, Griscom |
| PRAIRIE HORNED LARK: | April 13 | S. Yarmouth | young | Paul Curtis |

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| TREE SWALLOW: | April 4 | Middleboro | 100 | Mason |
| | " 12,29 | Athol | 10, the next | Allison |
| | " 11 | Concord, N.H. | 50 | Fisher |
| | " 26,27 | Hanover, N.H. | 1,1 | West, Weaver |
| | " 28 | Brewer, Me. | 3 | Weston |
| | Usual spring flights of hundreds found nowhere. | | | |
| BANK SWALLOW: | April 20 | Charlestown, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 30 | Wayland | 1 | Griscom |
| ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: | April 14 | Carolina, R.I. | 1 - many later | Kraus |
| | " 27 | Fairfield, Conn. | 2 | Saunders |
| | " 30 | Naushon I., Florence | 2,4 | H. Forbes, Weeks |
| BARN SWALLOW: | April 6 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | "Earliest in 23 years...." with Tree Swallows. | | | |
| | April 6 | Wayland | 2 | Nash, Stackpole |
| | " 9 | Avon, Conn. | 10 | D. Pratt |
| | " 30 | Ossipee, N.H. | 4 | E.E. Pratt |
| | Scattered arrival through southern New Eng., general 28-30th. | | | |
| CLIFF SWALLOW: | April 28 | Williamsburg | 4 | Graves |
| | " 30 | Wells River, Vt. | 3 | Smith |
| PURPLE MARTIN: | April 3 | Arcadia | 1 male | Combs |
| | Conn. Val. earliest ever. | | | |
| | April 21-22 | Arcadia | 2 | Combs & Bagg |
| | Spent "stormy day and night in New Martin house." | | | |
| | April 7 | S. Carver | first - departed | Mrs. Howe# |
| | " 19 | Chatham | 2 | Griscom, Bishop# |
| | " 28 | Enfield, N.H. | 10 | Forsyth & Haskins |
| CANADA JAY: | April 26 | near Greenville, Me. | 2 | Eckstorm |
| BLUE JAY: | April 9 | Molunkus, Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| CROW: | April 1-7 | Hanover, N.H. | flight peak | Weaver |
| | " 13 | Brunswick, Me. | common, nesting | Gross |
| FISH CROW: | April 9 | Fairfield, Conn. | first 2 | Saunders |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | April | Scattered reports. Scarce everywhere. | | |
| BROWN CREEPER: | April 8 | N. Beverly | 1 | Lois Hatch |
| | " 11 | Cherryfield, Me. | 2 singing | Weston |
| | Very few reported; more April 29 on. None some places. | | | |
| HOUSE WREN: | April 29 | Agawam | 1 | Mrs. Stetson |
| WINTER WREN: | April 3 | Northampton, Plum I. | 1,1 | Eliot, Safford |
| | 8-10 others thereafter. | | | |
| CAROLINA WREN: | April | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 singing throughout | Saunders |
| | " 14 | Newton Centre | 1 banded | Ruth Wheelwright |
| | This bird wintered on made-to-order suet & raisin pudding. | | | |
| MOCKINGBIRD: | Noted at Bristol, Conn., Springfield, Longmeadow, Bedford, Waban, Watertown, & N. Andover. | | | |
| CATBIRD: | April 3-4 | Wayland | 1 | Morgan |
| | " 14 | Martha's Vineyard | 3 | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | " 17,30 | Brookfield, Holyoke | 1,1 | G. Allen, Mitchell |
| | " 28 | Warren, R.I. | first | Bowen |
| BROWN THRASHER: | April 29 | Agawam | 1 | Mrs. Stetson |
| | " 30 | Waltham | 1 | Bergstrom |
| ROBIN: | April 3 | Wells River, Vt. | 4 first | Smith |
| | " 4 | Brewer, Me. | 5 | Weston |
| | " 6 | Mt. Tom, etc. | big flight | Hagar |
| | " 18 | N. Andover | 250 on lawn | Root |
| | (1939 peak was 95 on April 9.) | | | |

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| HERMIT THRUSH: | April 3,7 | Dedham,Agawam | 3,7 | Nash,Stetson |
| | " 13 | Hartford,Conn. | 24 | MacDavid# |
| | " 14 | Wells River,Vt. | 10 eating chaff | <u>fide</u> Smith |
| | " 12 | Cherryfield,Me. | 1 <u>early</u> | Weston |
| | Late and scarce in most localities. | | | |
| BLUEBIRD: | April 3 | Wells River,Vt. | arrived | Smith |
| | General arrival late, but numbers not much reduced. | | | |
| GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: | About a dozen reported in Mass. and a few elsewhere. | | | |
| | Apparently much depleted. | | | |
| RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: | April 14 | Arcadia,Wayland | first | Weeks,F.Elkins |
| | April 20-30 | Lenox | "common" | Wallace |
| | Main flight 26-30th, in small numbers. | | | |
| PIPIT: | April 14,16 | Madison,etc.,Conn. | 1,40 | Hoffman,Meigs |
| | " 16 | Fairfield,Conn. | 2 | Saunders |
| | " 28 | Kingston,R.I. | 20 | Kraus |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | April 1 | Hartford,Conn. | 60 | MacDavid |
| | Smaller flocks a dozen places in southern New England. | | | |
| NORTHERN SHRIKE: | April 20 | Nantucket | 1 rather late | Cottrells |
| | " 21 | Wells River,Vt. | 5 | Smith |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE: | April 16-28 | Brewer,etc.,Me. | 3 | Weston & Eckstorm |
| | " 1-28 | Massachusetts | 8 | various observers |
| STARLING: | April 1-7 | Hanover,N.H. | "peak" | Weaver |
| BLUE-HEADED VIREO: | April 25 | Worcester | 1 | L.Jenkins |
| | " 29-30 | Fairfield,etc.,Conn. | 1,1 | Saunders,Belden# |
| | " 29 | Pittsfield | 1 | Hendricks |
| | " 30 | Conn.Val. & E.Mass. | 5 | Eliot,Gleason# |
| BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: | April 19,30 | Fairfield,Conn. | first,next | Saunders |
| | April 27,29 | Plymouth,Brockton | first | Crain,Hauthaway |
| | " 30 | Massachusetts | gen. arrival | many observers |
| YELLOW WARBLER: | April 30 | Agawam | 1 | Mrs. Stetson |
| | " 30 | Cambridge | 1 | Hill,Parker,Watson |
| MYRTLE WARBLER: | April 17,23 | Dedham | 7,20 | H.Pratt & Nash |
| | " 17,26 | Hanover,Concord,N.H. | first | West,White |
| | A scattering only, up till the last days of April. | | | |
| BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: | April 30 | Sudbury | 1 | Griscom |
| PINE WARBLER: | April 10 | Osterville | first 3 | J. Eaton |
| | (feeding daily on peanut butter at window, by May 9). | | | |
| | April 10,16 | Easthampton,Wayland | first | Merrick,Elkins |
| | Gradual increase thereafter. By April 28th to Pittsfield, Essex Co., Mass., and Wells River, Vt. | | | |
| YELLOW PALM WARBLER: | April 14 | W.Hartford,etc.,Conn. | first | Hunt,Saunders |
| | " 14 | Arcadia,Boxford | first | Weeks,Alexander# |
| | Small numbers, scattered, till late in the month. | | | |
| OVENBIRD: | April 30 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: | April 27 | S. Hamilton | 1 | Fosters |
| | April 30 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: | April 14,16 | New Britain,etc.,Conn. | first | Schmidt,Saunders |
| | April 24 | Millville, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 25,27,29,30 | to Hanging Mt., Sunderland, Lenox, and Ashley,etc. | | |
| | April 20 on | Putney,Vt. | more than usual | Green |
| NORTHERN YELLOWTHROAT: | April 30 | S. Hadley | 1 | Dr. Wilder |
| REDSTART: | April 30 | Agawam | 1 | Mrs. Stetson |
| MEADOWLARK: | Scattered migrants throughout; numbers still not reached. | | | |

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| RED-WING: | April 20 | S. Harwich | 30 to feeder | Mrs. Howe |
| | " 9 | Wells River, Vt. | first 4 | Smith |
| | " 22 | Thetford, Vt. | 200 | Weaver |
| | " 27 | Greenville, Me. | 2 in 2 feet of snow | Eckstorm |
| | " 27-28 | Cape Cod | still in flocks | Taber# |
| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | April 1,2 | Westford | 1000,800 | E.M. Abbot |
| | " 1 | Ipswich | 500 | Hill & Davis |
| | " 11 | Cherryfield, Me. | 15 | Weston |
| BRONZED GRACKLE: | April 3 | Ellsworth, Me. | 30 | Weston |
| | " 13 | Wells River, Vt. | first 4 | Smith |
| COWBIRD: | April 11 | Wells River, Vt. | first 2 | Smith |
| | " 26 | Thetford, Vt. | 300 | Weaver |
| | " 28 | Cape Cod | many hundred | Taber# |
| SCARLET TANAGER: | April 21 | Eastham | 1 ad. male | L. Hemenway |
| | taken in hand (exhausted by recent storm) and released at Sharon in May. | | | |
| ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: | April 23 | Nantucket | 1 male | Mr. & Mrs. Shurrocks |
| | came to be fed with Red-wings. | | | |
| INDIGO BUNTING: | April 22 | Squantum | 1 (died shortly) | Mrs. Mullen |
| | " 28 | Falmouth | another male | Chas. Wheeler |
| EVENING GROSBEAK: | April 13, etc. | Brunswick, Me. | 50 | Gross |
| | " 23 " | Hanover, N.H. | 75 | Weaver |
| | " 25 " | Groton | 25 | H. Coolidge |
| | Varying numbers before and after these dates. Birds also at S. Hamilton and Williamstown throughout. | | | |
| PURPLE FINCH: | A few at various points. Apparent migration at the end of the month. | | | |
| PINE GROSBEAK: | April 8 | Bloomfield, Conn. | 1 | Crompton |
| | " 9 | Holden, Me. | last | Eckstorm |
| | " 13 | Etna, N.H. | " 10 | Weaver |
| | " 14 | Wells River, Vt. | " | Smith |
| REDPOLL: | April 9, 14 | Norwich, Wells River, Vt. | 1, 8 | Sherrard, Smith |
| | " 19 | Farley | 15 | Benchley |
| PINE SISKIN: | April 2 | Wianno | 1 | J. Eaton |
| | About 20 other reports northward. | | | |
| TOWHEE: | April 25 | Fairfield, Conn. | first transient | Saunders |
| | " 29 | Amesbury | 1 | Kozacka |
| | " 30 | eastern Mass. | gen. arrival | Mrs. J. Hubbard# |
| IPSWICH SPARROW: | April 3 | Moonstone, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 1, 13 | Essex County | 1, 1 | Hill, Batchelder# |
| | " 8 | Monhegan I., Me. | 1 | Mrs. Townsend |
| SAVANNAH SPARROW: | April 5, 13 | Hatfield, Ipswich | 1, 20 | Bagg#, Batchelder# |
| | " 14 | Fairfield, Conn. | 50 plus | Saunders |
| | " 14, 26 | Monhegan, Brewer, Me. | 1, 1 | Townsend, Weston |
| VESPER SPARROW: | April 2, 12 | Agawam, Amesbury | first | Stetson, Kozacka |
| | " 11 | Wells River, Vt. | 3 | Smith |
| | " 27 | Brewer, Me. | 3 | Weston |
| JUNCO: | April 9 | Hanover, N.H. | peak - 600 | Weaver |
| | " 7-13 | Brunswick, Me. | "numbers" | Gross |
| OREGON JUNCO: | April 15 | Fairfield, Conn. | last seen | Saunders |
| TREE SPARROW: | April 9 | Hanover, N.H. | peak - 600 | Weaver |

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| CHIPPING SPARROW: | April 2 | Worcester, Manomet | 1,1 | Durling, Ernsts |
| | " 7 | Plum I. | 1 "on time" | Safford |
| | " 17 | Fairfield, Conn. | first 4 | Saunders |
| | General arrival thereafter, especially the end of the month. | | | |
| FIELD SPARROW: | April 2 | Agawam | 1 | Mrs. Stetson |
| | " 17 | Wells River, Vt. | first | Smith |
| | General arrival late in the month. | | | |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: | April 28 | Agawam | 1 | Mrs. Stetson |
| | April 28-30 | Plum I. | 1-5 | Safford |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: | April 8 | Fairfield, Conn. | transient flocks | Saunders |
| | April 9, 14 | Holyoke, Amesbury | 1, 12 | Doane, Kozacka |
| | General arrival the 27th on. | | | |
| FOX SPARROW: | April 7 | Conn. Val., Essex Co. | most, 400 | Eliot, Emilio |
| | " 11 | Cherryfield, Me. | 30 | Weston |
| | " 27 | Fairfield, Conn. | last | Novak |
| SWAMP SPARROW: | April 2 | Amherst, Wayland | 1, 1 | Staples, Morgan |
| | General arrival, however, at the end of April. | | | |
| SONG SPARROW: | April 4 | Brewer, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| | " 7 | Wells River, Vt. | arrival | Smith |
| | " 9 | Hanover, N.H. | 500 | Weaver |
| | The winter seems to have depleted their number somewhat. | | | |
| SNOW BUNTING: | April 6 | Martha's Vineyard | still present | Mason |

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Though the first week of May was warm (by Weather Bureau reports for the Boston region) and the second week about normal, the general impression of the month was of excessively wet, cold weather. Migration throughout was delayed. Only a few landbirds arrived on schedule in numbers, and for reasons better known to the birds than to the ornithologists there was no general wave of May transients. Mr. Griscom suggests a lack of contrasts in the weather as the explanation. At any rate, overdue summer resident birds made their way (some rapidly and some tardily) to their nesting grounds, and approximately the normal number of Warblers passed through to northern New England, even though in the NE rains of May 21-26 it was difficult to record them.

This storm brought ornithological compensations. Harassed by incessant winds and fog at sea, migrating Phalaropes were driven near shore by hundreds, to be watched at close range, as in their famous incursion of 1892. Terns occurred inland. From the South were blown a Summer Tanager, a Hooded and a Kentucky Warbler, Swallow-tailed Kites, and a Yellow-billed Tropic-bird.

A feature of the May migration, besides its general lateness, was the presence of migrants usually associated with March or April: Grackles still in flocks, for instance, and Phoebe's arriving at a nesting place in Cambridge at the end of May. The most reasonable explanation heard for this phenomenon is as follows: that many birds wintering in our southeastern states may have fed so poorly this hard winter that the normal spring development of their endocrine glands was delayed. As a result, no urge to migrate stirred them until late, and they arrived far behind average schedule.

Shorebirds were early, perhaps a week ahead of normal. Lingerer Ducks established some new records for lateness in local waters.

Group censuses were taken in various regions. One in Hanover, N. H., with 28 observers under R. L. Weaver's direction, had some high counts, and suggests a "wave" or at least a very large ripple there on May 19th. Over the week-end of Decoration Day, W. Taber traversed a considerable territory not regularly covered, N and NE of Lake Umbagog, Maine. His counts below include observations of several days.

Night Herons are being banded again this year, with colored celluloid bands, at several Eastern colonies. Members of the Harvard Ornithological Club who are active in this work request that reports of any color-banded Herons seen be sent to the Museum, addressed "Heron Survey".

Three rare species of birds not mentioned below have been reported to the Bulletin. A White Gyrfalcon and a Curlew Sandpiper were convincingly described to the Compiler, though their observers felt they were "not for the book". A possible Yellow-headed Blackbird in Scituate is excluded for want of proof.

It would be a pleasure to express personal thanks to each of the contributors to this issue (nearly a hundred in number). In the press of varied duties I can only say here briefly that their kindness is appreciated. Many persons prepared reports in the most clear and helpful form, their notes critically culled down and analyzed. Though space permits reproduction of only a fraction of these observations, I am grateful to all who sent them in.

D. L. Garrison

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| RED-THROATED LOON: | May 15 | Madison, Conn. | 6 | still | Meigs# |
| HOLBOELL'S GREBE: | May 12 | Pittsfield | 1 | | Stanley Clarke |
| | " 26 | Nahant | 2 | very late | Cottrells & Parkers |
| SOOTY SHEARWATER: | May 30 | off Monomoy | 7 | at least | Griscom & large party |
| <u>YELLOW-BILLED TROPIC-BIRD (?)</u> : | May 26 | Haverhill | 1 | | S. Harris & P. Pulsifer |
| From L. Kenoza flying east, passing close overhead. So extraordinary a bird seen only briefly must be edited with "?" but Harris is a sound observer and the field marks of a Tropic-bird are not easily confused with any local bird's. | | | | | |
| GANNET: | May 24 | Nahant | 2 | | Emilio & Griscom |
| EUROPEAN CORMORANT: | May 14 | Saybrook, Conn. | 1 | | Hunt# |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | May 3 | Ludlow reservoir | 1 | | R.C. Sherwood |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | May 8 | Wells River, Vt. | arrival | | Smith |
| <u>LITTLE BLUE HERON:</u> | May 2 on | Mud Cove, Charlestown, R.I. | 1 | | M.K. Southwick# |
| An adult noted for several days. | | | | | |
| | May 17 | Middleboro | 3 | adults | Hagar |
| | " 20 on | Concord | 1 | imm. | S. Hoar# |
| GREEN HERON: | May 4 | Conn., R.I., Hyannis & Rowley, Mass. | (Batchelder) | | |
| | " 7 | Hanover, N.H. | first | | Wattles |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | May 9 | Wells River, Vt. | arrival | | Smith |
| <u>YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:</u> | May 19 | Wenham | 1 | adult | Alexander# |
| | May 26 | N. Eastham | 1 | | Brewer, Conkey# |
| AMERICAN BITTERN: | May 7 | Dixmont, Me. | 1 | | Weston |
| | " 9 | Wells River, Vt. | arrival | | Smith |
| LEAST BITTERN: | May 5 | Hartford, Conn. | 1 | | Hartford B.C. |
| | " 5, 19 | Lynnfield | 1 | | R. Turner, H.O.C. |
| | " 19 | Longmeadow | first | | Eliot |
| CANADA GOOSE: | May 15 | Wellesley | 26 | L. Waban | L. Hunnewell# |
| | " 27 | over Athol | 200 | | French, Allison# |
| (Several other late May reports.) | | | | | |
| BRANT: | May 13, 26 | Ipswich | 1 | | Mr. & Mrs. Curtis# |
| | " 18 | Hadley | 2 | | Col. G.A. Taylor |
| BALDPATE: | May 12 | Newburyport | 3 | | Griscom# |
| Apparently the latest date ever in Massachusetts. | | | | | |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | May 12 | Holyoke, Newburyport | 1, 1 | | Eliot#, Griscom# |
| | " 22 | Wayland | pair | | Morgan |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | May 6-9, 12 | Fairfield, Conn. | pair, male | | Saunders |
| | " 20 | Wayland | 15 | | Morgan |
| | " 30 | Milford, Me. | 1 | | Weston |
| SHOVELER: | May 8-10 | Wayland | drake | | Morgan, Griscom# |
| WOOD DUCK: | May 12 | Needham | 1 | female | F. Notman |
| This bird, one of several reported coming down chimneys, was trapped in the fireplace by a screen for some hours, and layed an egg! Both were removed to a nest box in the yard. | | | | | |
| | May 13 | Eddington, Me. | 1 | | Weston |
| | " 30 | Fairfield, Conn. | first young | | Saunders |
| | " " | " " | 22 eggs in nest | | Jos. Brauner |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | May 4 | S. Windsor, Conn. | pair | | McDavid & Hoffman |
| | " 5 | Topsfield | 3 | | Griscom# |
| | " 25 | Brookfield | drake | L. Quabaug | A. Bagg |
| Latest record for State ever. | | | | | |
| | May 13 | Eddington, Me. | 25 | | Weston |
| GREATER SCAUP: | May 30 | Foster's Cove, R.I. | last 2 | | Kraus |
| AMERICAN GOLDENEYE: | May 25, 26 | Westport, etc., Conn. | 1, 1 | | Saunders |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | May 26 | Swampscott | pair | still | Griscom, Cottrells# |

from a person flying east, passing close overhead. A bird seen only briefly must be called with "y".
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| <u>HARLEQUIN:</u> | May 11-12 | Middletown, R.I. | adult drake | Drury |
| | " 30 | off Monomoy | " " | Eliot, Griscom# |
| KING EIDER: | May 30 | off Monomoy | imm. drake | Eliot, Griscom# |
| <u>WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:</u> | May 30 | off Monomoy | 500 est. | Griscom & large party |
| SURF SCOTER: | May 12 | Middletown, R.I. | 500 est. | Drury |
| AMERICAN SCOTER: | May 12 | Middletown, R.I. | 50 | Drury |
| RUDDY DUCK: | May 30 | Foster's Cove, R.I. | 2 | Kraus |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | May 12 | Hartford, Conn. | still present | Hartford B.C. |
| AMERICAN MERGANSER: | May 24 | Longmeadow | 2 pairs | Eliot |
| RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: | May 18 | off Plum I. | 250 | Safford |
| <u>TURKEY VULTURE:</u> | May 9 | Mt. Tekoa | 2 (or 3) | Benchley |
| | " 16 | near Middleboro | 1 | Mrs. A. Williston |
| <u>SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:</u> | May 17 | Cohasset | 1 | Richard May |
| | " 24 | New Britain, Conn. | 2 | E.W. Schmidt# |
| First Connecticut record since 1877. Mr. Schmidt, a thoroughly qualified observer, together with Mr. Coburn and Mr. & Mrs. Grinnell, saw these beautiful birds well as they flew over Willow Brook Park. May, while not professing to be an ornithologist, is a good observer and saw his bird nearby. "Four-foot Barn Swallows" are distinctive at close range. | | | | |
| GOSHAWK: | May 5 | Athol | adult eating snake | Allison |
| | to May 12 | 3 reports from R. I. and Conn. | seem open to doubt. | |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | Noticeable flight from the end of April through the first half of May. | | | |
| and COOPER'S HAWK: | | | | |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | May 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 11 | Weaver# |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK: | CORRECTION - "Considerable flight" in Conn. Val. (in the last issue) should read April 26, not April 22. | | | |
| | May 5, 13 | Lewiston, Eddington, Me. | 6, 2 | Jones, Weston |
| BALD EAGLE: | May 5-18 | at Lynnfield, Conn. Valley (6), Lenox, S. Egremont, Wareham, Mass.; Simsbury, Conn.; and Raymond, Me. | | |
| MARSH HAWK: | May 18 | New Ashford | 1 | Griscom, Parkers# |
| | Flying N over hill tops, apparently migrating. | | | |
| OSPREY: | May 13 | Bristol Co. etc. | 40 occ'd nests | Bent, Allen# |
| PIGEON HAWK: | May 12 | Wells River, Vt. | arrival | Smith |
| "CHUKAR" PARTRIDGE: | May 14 | N. Andover | 2 | Root |
| | (of 22 released nearby on May 12) | | | |
| KING RAIL: | May 18 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 (well seen) | Moody |
| | " 28 | Lynnfield | 2 heard | Touseys, Griscom# |
| VIRGINIA RAIL: | May 5, 17 | Lynnfield, etc. | 5, many | Griscom# |
| | " 12 | Longmeadow | present | Eliot# |
| | " 19, 26 | Lyme, Andover, N.H. | 2, 1 | Weaver, K. Elkins |
| SORA: | May 5, 12 | Lynnfield, Longmeadow | first | Griscom#, Eliot# |
| FLORIDA GALLINULE: | May 11 | Lanesboro | several | J.C. Musgrove |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | May 4, 18 | Jerusalem, R.I. | 16, peak 450 | Kraus |
| | May 18 | Fairfield, Conn. | first 60 | Saunders |
| | " 16, 19 | Plum I., Hadley | 2, 6 | Safford, Eliot |
| | " 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 2 | Reynolds# |
| | " 19 | Castine, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| KILLDEER: | May 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 2 | Weaver |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | May 4, 19 | Nahant, Rowley | 1, 100 | Garrison, Batchelder |
| | " 18, 30 | Plymouth, Monomoy | 160, 100 | Benchley, Bishop# |
| | " 24 | Bedford | 4 | Clemensson |
| RUDDY TURNSTONE: | May 11 | Galilee, R.I. | 2 | Kraus |
| | " 15, 18 | Madison, etc., Conn. | 33, 75 | Holcomb#, Saunders |
| | " 13, 30 | Ipswich, Monomoy | 1, 1000 | Curtises, Griscom# |

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| WILSON'S SNIPE: | May 12 | E. Hadley | 2 | Bagg |
| | " 11, 14 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 2 | Weaver |
| | " 5 | Brewer, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| HUDSONIAN CURLEW: | May 4 | Galilee, R.I. | 3 | Kraus |
| | " 15, 16, 28 | Plum I. | 2, 5, 5 | Safford |
| UPLAND PLOVER: | May 3 | S. Wethersfield, Conn. | 2 | Hunt# |
| | " | Kensington, E. Berlin, Conn. | 2, 2 | Schmidt |
| | " 2, 5 | Hatfield, Newburyport | 2, 8 | Jackowsky, Griscom |
| | " 9, 12 etc. | E. Hadley, Agawam | 2, 4 | Bagg# |
| | " 11 | Concord, N.H. | arrival | White |
| SPOTTED SANDPIPER: | May 3 | Barre, Vt. | 3 | Mrs. Drew |
| | " 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 75 | Weaver## |
| | " 17 | Brewer, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | May 1 | Cambridge | 1 | Many observers |
| | " 7-27 | Conn. Val. | season | Eliot, Wakeman# |
| | " 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 37 | Weaver# |
| EASTERN WILLET: | May 25 | Westport, Conn. | 4 | Saunders |
| | " 15 | Little Compton, R.I. | flock of 25 | Allen# |
| | " 26, 30 | Monomoy | 1, 4 | H.O.C., Stackpole# |
| | " 18 | Ipswich | 1 | Alexander# |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | mid May | Reported from many inland points. | | |
| | May 12 | Newburyport | 300 (peak) | Emilio# |
| | " 10 | Bangor, Me. | 5 | Weston |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | May 19, 12 etc. | Scituate, Plum I. | 1, 1 or 2 | Long, Tousey# |
| | " 19 | Pittsfield | 1 "positive" | Clarke |
| | " 6 | Bedford | 6 | Clemensson |
| | " 28 | Belmont | last 2 | S. Robbins, Sr. |
| KNOT: | May 4 | Galilee, R.I. | 6 | Kraus |
| | " 4 | Acoaxet | 27 | Mrs. A. Williston |
| | " 5 | Monomoy | 16 | Long |
| | " 5 | Ipswich | 6 | Emilio & Alexander |
| | (Earliest date of record in Essex County.) | | | |
| | May 15 | Saybrook, Conn. | 2 | Hunt# |
| | " 26-30 | Monomoy | 122-57 | H.O.C., Garrison# |
| PURPLE SANDPIPER: | May 5 | Hampton | 65 | Kozacka |
| | " 12 | N. Rye, N.H. | 100 | Taber & Alexander |
| | " 12, 18 | Plum I. | 61, 5 | Emilio#, Morgan |
| | " 12 | Middletown, R.I. | 120 | Drury |
| | " 19 | Scituate | 50 | Long |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER: | May 14 | Bedford | 3 | Clemensson |
| | " 6 | Hanover, N.H. | 2 "scarce" | Forsyth & Haskins |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | May 16 | Springfield | 1 "well seen" | Sherwood |
| | May 7-30 | Mass. coast | 10 reported - | seems too many. |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | May 11 | Ipswich | 300 off Eagle Hill | Batchelder |
| | " 18 | Fairfield, Conn. | first 45 | Saunders |
| | " 19 | reached western Mass. | and Hanover, N.H. | |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | May 5 | Ipswich | first 5 | Emilio & Alexander |
| EASTERN DOWITCHER: | May 4, 18 | Galilee, etc., R.I. | 1, 20 | Kraus |
| | " 5, 18 | Plum I. | 20, 50 | Griscom#, Morgan# |
| | " 15 | Madison, Conn. | 2 | Meigs# |
| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | May 5, 12 | Nahant | 2, 35 very early | Stackpole# |
| | May 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | " 26 | Plum I. | 1200 est. | Harvard O.C. |
| | " 30 | Monomoy | 1200 " | Griscom, Garrison# |
| SANDERLING: | May 30 | Monomoy | 1000 est. | large party |

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| RED PHALAROPE: | May 24-26 | Nahant | 15-5 | Griscom & Emilio |
| | " 26 | Plum I.Sd., Ipswich | 3,10 | Audubon trip# |
| | " 26 | Chatham region | 500 | Harvard O.C. |
| | " 26 | off Provincetown | 1000's | report to F.Allen |
| | " 26 | Concord | pair | S.Hoar |
| One other on-shore visitation of Red Phalaropes in spring is recorded, May 22 into June, 1892. Thousands were seen - and 250 were shot on the outer Cape alone. | | | | |
| NORTHERN PHALAROPE: | May 25 | Cohasset | 27 | Harvard O.C. |
| | " 25-26 | Nahant | 55 | " " " # |
| | " 26 | Plum I.Sd., Ipswich | 72,100 | Curtises# |
| | " 26 | " " north end | 17 | Griscom |
| | " 26-30 | Monomoy | 30-1 | H.O.C., Bishop# |
| | " 27 | Plymouth | 1 very weak | Benchley |
| PARASITIC JAEGER: | May 26 | Plum I. | 1 | Cottrells, Griscom# |
| | " 30 | Monomoy | 3 | Griscom, Gleason# |
| LONG-TAILED JAEGER: | May 30 | Monomoy | 1 adult | Griscom, Stackpole# |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | May 25 | Plum I. | 1 | Curtises |
| ICELAND GULL: | " 26 | Plum I. | 1 (same?) | Griscom |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | May 14 | Saybrook, Conn. | 1 "late" | Hunt# |
| HERRING GULL | May 6 | Springfield | 28 | Stebbins |
| | " 5 | Wells River, Vt. | arrival | Smith |
| Other C.V. records from Northampton & Hanover, N.H. | | | | |
| LAUGHING GULL: | May 14 | Saybrook, Conn. | 60 | Hunt# |
| | " 12 | Nahant | 300 | Stackpole# |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | May 11-12, 18 | Fairfield, Conn. | 16-20, 9 unusual | Saunders |
| | " 28, 30 | Plymouth, Monomoy | 15, 6 | Benchley, J.Eaton# |
| COMMON TERN: | April 25 | Cotuit | present | John Codman |
| | May 1 | W.Haven, Conn. | 2 "guessed Arctic" | Crompton |
| | " 1-31 | Plymouth beach | 75-1000 | Benchley |
| | " 5, 12 | Ipswich, Plum I. | 1,200 est. | Curtis, Griscom# |
| | " 15 | Madison, Conn. | 200 | Meigs# |
| | " 16 | Granby | 1 over pasture | J.Conkey |
| | " 25 | Waltham | 6 | F.W.Gleason |
| | " 26 | S.Windsor, Conn.. | 11 | MacDavid & Hoffman |
| | " 26 | Holyoke | 2 | Weeks |
| | " 26 | Walpole, N.Walpole, N.H. | 1, 7 | A.A.Green |
| | " 26 | Carlisle | 1 | H.V.Greenough |
| | " 29 | Concord | 2 over River | S.Hoar |
| | " 29 | Needham | 1 fishing | F.H.Allen |
| over Broad Meadows; with 5 Herring Gulls. | | | | |
| ARCTIC TERN: | May 18 | Plymouth | 5 pairs | Benchley |
| ROSEATE TERN: | May 11-12 | Fairfield, Conn. | 3-30 | Saunders |
| | " 18 | Plymouth | 3 pairs | Benchley |
| | " 19, 30 | Plum I., Monomoy | first, 100 | H.O.C., Bishop# |
| | " 26 | Lenox (1st Berk. record) | 1-3 | Hendricks#, Wallace |
| LEAST TERN: | May 14, 18 | Wianno, Plymouth | first 2, 6 | J.Eaton, Benchley |
| CASPIAN TERN: | May 12 | Scituate | 2 adult & imm. | Long |
| BLACK TERN: | May 15 | Tiverton, R.I. | 1 | F.H.Allen |
| | " 26-30 | Monomoy | 2-4 | H.O.C., J.Eaton# |
| DOVEKIE: | May 5 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 found alive | D.Coolidge |
| MOURNING DOVE: | May 6, 14 | Lewiston, Otis, Me. | 1, 1 | Jones, Weston |
| | " 31 | N.Eastham | plentiful | Benchley |
| YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: | May 12 | Hartford, Conn. | first | Bashour |
| | " 16 | S.Lincoln | 1 | F.Elkins & Griscom |
| | " 17 | Northampton | first | Eliot |
| General arrival 19th on, slowly, small numbers. | | | | |

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| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: | May 10 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | " 15 | Williamsburg | 1 | Graves |
| | " 15 | Wayland, Plum I. | 1,1 | Storer#, Safford |
| | General arrival 19th on, a few more than Yellow-billed. | | | |
| BARN OWL: | mid May | S. Kingston, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| SCREECH OWL: | May 20-26 | W. Hartford, Conn. | flock | Finnerty & Belden |
| | 10-16 together, thought possibly broods of young joined. | | | |
| | May | Brookline | 1 | H. Richardson |
| | Flew through window (breaking glass) and perched a day and a half on stuffed moose head. | | | |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | May 27 | Saybrook, Conn. | 1 | Hunt# |
| | " 10, etc. | Plum I. | 2 | Safford |
| SAW-WHET OWL: | May 29 | Harwich | 1 calling 1/2 hour | Griscom# |
| | "longest non-stop performance I ever heard." | | | |
| WHIP-POOR-WILL: | May 3 | Conn. Val. lowlands | first | Weeks |
| | " 5 | western Mass. uplands | " | Eliot# |
| | " 5 | Belmont | " | S. Robbins, Sr. |
| | " 8, 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 9 | McAlister & Ricard |
| | Arrival thereafter slow. | | | |
| NIGHT-HAWK: | May 8 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | " 10, 21 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 50 | Verrill# |
| | " 15 | Conn. Val. | general arrival | Eliot |
| | " 13 | Plum I. | 1 | Safford |
| | Arrival slow, at least in eastern Mass. | | | |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT: | May 30 | Milford, Me. | 4 | Weston |
| | May 1, 2 | Middlebury, Vt. | first 4, 75 | Saunders |
| | " 4 | Brewer, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | " 18, 21 | Conn. Val. | "huge numbers" | Eliot# |
| | | over Athol | 2000 | Allison |
| | " 21-24 | Hanover, N.H. | 1500 | Weaver |
| RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: | May 7 | Norwalk, Conn. | first | Miss M. Harrington |
| | May 10 | New Britain, Conn. | 1 | Schmidt |
| | " 11 | Holyoke, etc., Sharon | 2, 1 | Bagg#, Taylor |
| | " 14 | Holderness, N.H. | first | L. J. Webster |
| | " 22, 23 | Lewiston, Brewer, Me. | 1, 1 | Jones, Weston |
| BELTED KINGFISHER: | Thought somewhat reduced in numbers, by several observers. | | | |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER: | May 9 | Canton | 1 male | Mr. & Mrs. Peabody |
| | " 12 | S. Canaan, Conn. | 1 | S. Cobb |
| | Definite increase noted; nesting nearer civilization. | | | |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | May 10 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 unusual | Forsyth |
| | May 19 | Deerfield | 1 | J. L. Bagg |
| | " | Greenfield | pair nesting | " |
| YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: | May 3 | Lewiston, Me. | first | Jones |
| | May 28 | Cambridge | last | F. Elkins |
| KINGBIRD: | May 1 | New Britain, Conn. | 1 | Schmidt |
| | " 3 | Waltham, Sudbury | 1, 1 | Mrs. P. M. Bergstrom# |
| | " 12 | Dixmont, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| | Real general arrival the middle of the month. | | | |
| CRESTED FLYCATCHER: | May 1 | Lenox | 1 "very early" | Wallace |
| | " 5 | Watchaug, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 11, 12 | Conn., Mass. | general arrival | many observers |
| | " 15 | Wells River, Vt. | first | Smith |
| PHOEBE: | May 1 | Hanover, N.H. | 50 | Weaver |
| | " 18, 30 | Cambridge | 1, 2 (Mt. Auburn) | Touseys# |
| | Others arrived late, filling gaps to some extent. | | | |

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| YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: | May 15-25 | Lenox | 5 records | Wallace |
| | May 22-27 | Conn. Val. | "fair number" | Eliot |
| | Seven other scattered reports. | | | |
| | May 31, etc. | Umbagog region, Me. | well distributed | Taber |
| ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: | May 27 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | " 12 | Northfield | 1 | Broun & F. Elkins |
| ALDER FLYCATCHER: | May 22 | Conn. Val. | gen. arrival | Eliot |
| | " 12-19 | Hanover, N.H. | 14 | McAlister & Ricard |
| | " 28 | Lynnfield | first | Touseys, Griscom# |
| | " 31 | Franklin Co., Me. | normal | Taber |
| LEAST FLYCATCHER: | May 1 | Mass. & southern N.H. | first | many observers |
| | General arrival slow and in numbers below par. | | | |
| | May 12 | Dixmont, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| WOOD PEWEE: | May 8 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | Liebe |
| | Practically no others in New England till May 15 on. | | | |
| | May 27-30 | Hanover, N.H. | 32 | Forsyth & Haskins |
| OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: | May 15, 26 | Conn. Val. | 1, 4 | Eliot, Riedel# |
| | May 14, 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 6 etc. | Weaver# |
| | " 28 | Essex County | 3 | Ruth Tousey# |
| | " 31 | N of Umbagog, Me. | "some numbers" | Taber |
| TREE SWALLOW: | Accounts differ. Some flights in hundreds were noted, but consensus of opinion is that the species is reduced. A little further mortality occurred during the rains (Root). | | | |
| | May 1 | Wells River, Vt. | arrival | Smith |
| BANK SWALLOW: | May 4 | Brewer, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | " 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 335 | Weaver# |
| ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: | May 2 | Addison, Vt. | 2 | Saunders |
| | May 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 12 | Weaver# |
| | Increasing number of reports for this species throughout. | | | |
| BARN SWALLOW: | May 8 | along Plum I. | big flight | Alexander# |
| | Migration speed estimated at 26 m.p.h. | | | |
| | May (during rains) | N. Andover | 12 found dead | Root |
| CLIFF SWALLOW: | May 1 | Barre, Vt. | "numbers" | Mrs. Drew |
| | " 2 | Sudbury | first 4 | Stackpole |
| PURPLE MARTIN: | May | Madison, Conn. | 11 days late | Meigs |
| | " 3, 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 20, 40 | Weaver# |
| | " 12, 29 | Raymond, Greenbush, Me. | 1, 2 | Jones, Weston |
| | In Mass. many early arrivals wandered off from their colonies, but by late May seemed to be reestablished. | | | |
| | May 10, 17 | Wayland, Newton | 2, 3 | Hill, LaPlante |
| | " 5, 19 | Essex County | 2, 2 | Taber#, Alexander# |
| ACADIAN CHICKADEE: | May 31 etc. | L. Umbagog region, Me. | | |
| | "unusually common on the mountains" | | | Taber |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | May 19 | Hanover, N.H. | only 3 | Weaver## |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Very thin migration. | | | |
| | May | Berkshire County | none | Hendricks |
| | " 31 | north woods | "very few" | Taber |
| BROWN CREEPER: | Scarce. Active observers averaged about one apiece for May. | | | |
| HOUSE WREN: | May 1, 3 | Massachusetts | first, general | many observers |
| | " 2 | Barre, Vt. | " | Mrs. Drew |
| WINTER WREN: | May 9 | Wells River, Vt. | arrival | Smith |
| | Apparently greatly reduced in numbers this year. | | | |
| LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: | May 12 | Quonochontaug, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | May 12 | Holyoke, Lynnfield | 1, 20 est. | Eliot#, Garrison# |
| | " 18 | Hanover, N.H. | first | Wattles |

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| SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: | May 12 | Hartford, Conn. | present | Hartford B.C. |
| | May 18, 26 | Sudbury, Lynnfield | 5, 3 | Taber#, Griscom# |
| | " 19 | Springfield | first C.V. | Clark & Madeira |
| | " 16, 18 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 1 | Decou, Weaver |
| | " 20, 25 | Lewiston, Milford, Me. | 1, 2 | Jones, Weston |
| | In Mass., however, few found later at nesting sites. | | | |
| MOCKINGBIRD: | May 2-25 | Longmeadow, W. Hartford, Williamsburg, E. Hadley. | | |
| CATBIRD: | May 7, 12 | Conn. Val., E. Mass. | bulk arrival | many observers |
| | " 1, 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 84 | Weaver# |
| BROWN THRASHER: | May 1, 3 | Conn. Val., E. Mass. | arrival | many observers |
| | " 3 | Wells River, Vt. | first | Smith |
| WOOD THRUSH: | May 1, 7 | Waltham, Lynn | 1, 1 | Gleason, Batchelder |
| | " 3, 6 | Ware, Lenox | 1, 1 | Conkey, Wallace |
| | " 3, 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 40 | Ricard#, Weaver# |
| | mid May | southern N. England | general arrival in <u>numbers</u> . | |
| HERMIT THRUSH: | Many scattered reports, but marked decrease of this species. | | | |
| | May 31 etc. | Umbagog, Me., region | none | Taber |
| OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: | May 11 | Connecticut | first | Schmidt & Saunders |
| | " 11, 12-27 | Conn. Val. | first, usual numbers | Eliot# |
| | " 18 | Belmont | few in E. Mass. | Robbins# |
| | " 31 etc. | Umbagog reg. | very abundant | Taber |
| GREY-CHEEKED THRUSH: | May 12 | Mt. Toby | first | Clement |
| | " 13-26 | Conn. Val. | as usual | Eliot# |
| | " 21 | Lewiston, Me. | 1 | Jones |
| | Not many seen in eastern Mass. | | | |
| BICKNELL'S THRUSH: | May 14 | Springfield | 1 | Stebbins# |
| | " 31 etc. | Umbagog, Me. | region | Taber |
| | The most ever (subsp. ?) ... on mountain sides and tops. | | | |
| VEERY: | May 5 | Kingston, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 7 | Conn. Val. | arrival | Eliot |
| | " 14 | Wells River, Vt. | " | Smith |
| | Arrival in any numbers much delayed throughout. | | | |
| BLUE-GREY GNATCATCHER: | May 19 | Cambridge | 1 | E. Atkins |
| GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: | Few and far between. May 1-19, perhaps a dozen all told. | | | |
| | None on Mt. Wachusett (Gregory) nor near Umbagog (Taber). | | | |
| RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: | May 1 | central New Eng. | marked migration | many observers |
| | A few more to mid May. | | | |
| PIPIT: | May 19 | Pittsfield | 1 late | Clarke |
| | May 2-11 | Williamsburg | up to 30 | Graves |
| | " 4 | Hatfield | flock | Weeks & Pease |
| | " 6 | Suffield, Conn. | 30 "late" | Stiles |
| | " 11 | Ipswich | 4 | R. Batchelder |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | Scattered flocks all May. Real migration beginning May 30-31. | | | |
| WHITE-EYED VIREO: | May 6, 11 | Fairfield, Conn. | first, next | Saunders |
| | " 12, 18 | Hartford, Madison, Conn. | 1, 4 | Bashour, Meigs |
| | " 13 | Swansea | 1 | Bent, Allen, Mason |
| | " 13 | Waltham | 1 | J. H. Storer |
| | " 20 | Westport | 1 | Alice Cook |
| YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: | May 4 | Fairfield, Conn. | first | Saunders |
| | May 8 | Gt. Barrington | " | Mrs. Rinsma |
| | " 11, 19 | Dedham, Topsfield | 1, 2 | H. Pratt, Emilio# |
| | " 13, 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 14 | Weaver# |
| | Mostly missing from E. Mass. breeding stations, but reported as increased by all observers in W. Mass. etc.! | | | |

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| BLUE-HEADED VIREO: | May 1 | Mass. and to Wells R.,Vt., and Lewiston,Me., a marked wave, as of Ruby-crowns. Thereafter few. | | |
| | May 25 | Cambridge | 1 (local latest) | Griscom |
| | " 31 etc. | Umbagog region and Sourdnahunk L. region,Me., | none | Taber,A.Bagg |
| RED-EYED VIREO: | May 5 | Lincoln,Osterville | 1,3 | Blakes,J.Eaton |
| | General arrival, May 15th on, slow. | | | |
| WARBLING VIREO: | May 9 | Gt. Barrington | first | Mrs. Rinsma |
| | " 11 | New Britain,etc.,Conn. | 5,1 | Schmidt,Saunders |
| | " 12 | Hadley,Wayland | 1,1 | H.O.C.,Snyder |
| | " 14 | Wells River,Vt. | first | Smith |
| | " 28 | Cambridge | arrival (late) | Stackpole# |
| | Apparently more than usual - by the end of the month. | | | |
| WORM-EATING WARBLER: | May 11 | New Britain,Conn. | 1 | Hartford B.C. |
| | " 15,28 | Fairfield,Conn. | 1, next | Saunders |
| | " 30 | Stonington,Conn. | 3 | Kraus |
| GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: | May 11 | Hartford,Conn.,reg. | first | Holcomb# |
| | May 8,11 | Lynn,Sharon | " | Batchelder# |
| | " 15-31 | Lenox | many-increasing | Wallace |
| | " 11 etc. | New Britain,Conn. | male | Schmidt |
| | (Since 1938) Has some yellow on breast and an odd song. | | | |
| BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: | May 4 | New Britain,Conn. | first | Schmidt |
| | " 10 | Concord | 1 | Ball,Snyder# |
| | " 12 | Longmeadow | first in C.V. | Harvard O.C. |
| | A fair representation in western Mass. since. | | | |
| <u>BREWSTER'S WARBLER:</u> | May 14 | Sterling Junction | 1 | Ekblaw |
| | " 15 on | Lenox | 1 (or 2?) | Wallace |
| | First Berkshire record. Apparently resident at last year's Golden-wing nesting site. | | | |
| | May 15 | Bedford | 1 | Clemensson |
| | " 15 on | Newton Highlands | 1 | Mason |
| | " | Newton Centre | 1 | W.Richardson |
| | " 17 on | Belmont | 1 male | Robbins# |
| | " 18-20 | W. Roxbury | song like Golden-wing | Ernsts,Allen |
| | " 22 | Topsfield | 1 | Mason |
| <u>LAWRENCE'S WARBLER:</u> | May 11 | W.Hartford,Conn. | 1 | Dow |
| <u>TENNESSEE WARBLER:</u> | May 12 | New Britain,Conn. | 1 | Schmidt |
| | " 11-28 | Mass. | about 15 | all observers |
| | " 25,29 | Hanover,N.H.,Wells River,Vt. | 1, a few | Smith# |
| <u>ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:</u> | April 30 | Barre,Vt. | 1 "rare in spring" | Mrs.Drew |
| | May 20 | Lenox | 1 well seen | S.W.Bailey |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER: | May 5,6 | Conn.,Mass. | firsts | Conkey# |
| | " 12 | Dixmont,Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | Main flight the middle of the month. | | | |
| PARULA WARBLER: | May 1,5 | Cambridge,Amherst | arrival | Nash#,E.Smith |
| | Main flight subsequently, no large numbers found anywhere. | | | |
| YELLOW WARBLER: | May 11,19 | Hanover,N.H. | 1,75 | Weaver# |
| | " 20 | Brewer,Me. | first | Weston |
| MAGNOLIA WARBLER: | May 7 | Northampton,Cambridge | firsts | Cotton,Griscom# |
| | " 15,19 | Hanover,N.H. | first,74 | Forsyth,Weaver# |
| CAPE MAY WARBLER: | May 14 | Manchester,N.H. | 1 | Kozacka |
| | " 15 | Concord,N.H. | 6 | Fisher |
| | " 15-25 | 21 others reported (Fairfield to Hanover). | | |
| BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: | May 5,7 | Topsfield,Northampton | firsts | Lawson,Eliot |
| | May 11-29 | spotty flight; no real numbers anywhere. | | |

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| MYRTLE WARBLER: | May 1 | Massachusetts | peak | many observers |
| | " 15-16 | southern N.H. | " | Fisher# |
| | Flight in general poor, numbers low. | | | |
| BLACK-THROATED GREY WARBLER: | May 13 | Amherst | 1 | Mrs.E.C.Staples |
| | The identification of this rarity receives Eliot's endorsement. | | | |
| BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: | May, | first week - | began to arrive. | |
| | May 14 | Otis, Me. | 4 | Weston |
| | " 29 | Fairfield, Conn. | still migrating | Saunders |
| BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: | May 7 | Massachusetts | 3 places | V.Armstrong# |
| | May 12-26 | " | a few other transients found | |
| | " 9, 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 66 | Campbell, Weaver# |
| CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: | May 2, 5 | Northampton, Topsfield | firsts | Weeks, Fosters# |
| | May 12 | Dixmont, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | General arrival from the 8th on. | | | |
| BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: | May 18, 19 | Springfield, Topsfield | 1, 1 | Eliot, E.C.O.C. |
| | May 21-28 | Massachusetts | total of 15 | all observers |
| | " 26, 30 | Putney, Wells R., Vt. | 1, 1 | Green, Smith |
| BLACKPOLL WARBLER: | May 14 | at Kingston, R.I. (Kraus) and Belmont (Robbins) | | |
| | " 15 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | Migration on into June, in numbers well below par. | | | |
| PRAIRIE WARBLER: | May 1, 10 | Wayland, Easthampton | first | Morgan, Riedel |
| | Migration from 7th on, good numbers, especially eastern Mass. | | | |
| WESTERN PALM WARBLER: | May 14 | Belmont | 1 | W.Taber |
| YELLOW PALM WARBLER: | May 7 | Brewer, Me. | first | Weston |
| | " 23 | Nahant | 1 | Griscom |
| | " 26 | Williamsburg | 1 | Graves# |
| | being the latest records ever for Essex Co. and the Conn.Val. | | | |
| OVENBIRD: | May 3 | Waltham | 2 | Gleason |
| | " 14 | Wells River, Vt. | arrival | Smith |
| | Chief flight May 5-6 on; numbers adequate. | | | |
| NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: | Flight in small numbers throughout the month. | | | |
| LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: | May 3, 11 | Williamstown, Northfield | 1, 2 | Saunders, F.Elkins |
| | May 26 | Pepperell | "a number" | F.Smith |
| KENTUCKY WARBLER: | May 23 | Nahant | male in song | Griscom, Emilio# |
| | First official Mass. record. Now at Peabody Museum, Salem. | | | |
| MOURNING WARBLER: | May 24, 31 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1, 1 | Saunders |
| | " 21-30 | Northampton, Lanesboro, W.Hampton | | Eliot, Beers# |
| | " 12 | Canaan, N.H. | 1 "scarce" | McAlister & Ricard |
| | " 15, 31 | Barre, Wells R., Vt. | pair, 1 | Mrs.Drew, Smith |
| NORTHERN YELLOWTHROAT: | May 5, 8 | Lynnfield, Northampton | first | Elkinses, Wakeman |
| | General arrival 7th on, mostly after the 11th. | | | |
| YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: | May 16 | Fairfield, Conn. | first | Saunders |
| | " 18 | Longmeadow | " | Eliot |
| | " 18 | Bennington, Vt. | pair (near 1912 location) | L.H.Ross |
| | " 26 | Gt.Barrington | 1 (or pair?) | Mrs.M.White# |
| | " | Kensington, Conn. | 3 pairs | Carlson & Giana |
| HOODED WARBLER: | May 8 | Watchaug, R.I. | 1 6 since | Kraus |
| | " 11-30 | Fairfield, Conn. | present | Saunders |
| | " 20 | Hartford, Conn. | 1 | Dush |
| | " 12-13 | Cambridge | 1 male | Mrs. Putnam## |
| | " 22-24 | Salem Willows | 1 male | Emilio# |
| WILSON'S WARBLER: | May 14 | Amherst, Cambridge | 1, 1 | Staples, Taber |
| | " 19 | Brewer, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | " 30 | N.Chatham | 1 (rare & late) | Bishop, Griscom# |
| | Main migration the 15th on; numbers good. | | | |

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| CANADA WARBLER: | May 8 | Worden's Pd., R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 11 | Sharon | first | Brainerd |
| | Main migration the 15-16th on; numbers normal. | | | |
| REDSTART: | May 5 | Conn., R.I., Wayland | 2, 1, 2 | Schmidt, Kraus, Morgan |
| | " 13, 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 107 | Forsyth, Weaver# |
| | Numbers slow to arrive, now adequate. | | | |
| BOBOLINK: | May 2, 3 | Ware, Northampton | 1, 1 | E. Smith, Wakeman |
| | " 7 | Hanover, N.H. | 4 | West |
| | Main arrival on the dot of normal, numbers exceptionally good. | | | |
| RED-WING: | May 3 | Sudbury Valley | 2 transient flocks | Griscom |
| | " 19 | N. Stratford, N.H. | "recently arrived" | Johnson |
| ORCHARD ORIOLE: | May 11 | Fairfield, Conn. | first 2 | Saunders |
| | " 13-19 | Chicopee | adult male | Sherwood# |
| | " 14 | Amherst | adult male | E. Smith |
| | " 16 | Belmont, Boston | 2 males | Brown, S. Harris |
| | " 17, 28 | Madison, Wethersfield, Conn. | 2, nest | Meigs, Bashour |
| | " 20, 26 | Wayland, Northfield | adult, imm. | Morgan, Elkinses |
| | " 30 | Greenbush | building | K. Elkins |
| BALTIMORE ORIOLE: | May 5, 8 | Fairfield, Conn. | first, next | Saunders |
| | " 7, 8 | Holyoke, Lynn | first | Bagg, Batchelder |
| | " 12, 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 95 | Reynolds, Weaver# |
| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | Usual early May flight, small numbers. | | | |
| "RIDGWAY'S" GRACKLE: | May | Northampton | nesting male | Eliot |
| | "wings bronze but back without any bronze, some green, mostly purple, iridescent." | | | |
| BRONZED GRACKLE: | May 12 | Essex County | 3 migrating flocks | Griscom# |
| COWBIRD: | May 3 | W. Hartford, Conn. | 1 albino | Dow |
| SCARLET TANAGER: | May 10 | Fairfield, Conn. | first | Saunders |
| | " 12 | Essex County | " | , numbers Griscom, Garrison# |
| SUMMER TANAGER: | May 22 | Cambridge | 1 female | Griscom & Davis |
| ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: | May 6 | Hartford, Conn. | 1 | Preston |
| | May 7 | Conn. Val. | gen. arrival | Eliot |
| INDIGO BUNTING: | May 11 | Sharon, Chestnut Hill | 1, 1 | Taylor#, Henderson |
| | General arrival the 14-16th on. | | | |
| EVENING GROSBEAK: | May 1-15 | At Longmeadow, Northampton, Greenfield, Groton, Mass., and Barre, Vt. | | |
| | to May 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 3 | Weaver# |
| | " " 20 | Pittsfield | 1 | Clarke |
| | " " 27 | S. Hamilton | 1 | Fosters |
| | " June 1 | Topsfield | 3 | Mrs. Keith |
| PINE GROSBEAK: | May 19 | Mt. Tom | 1 | Cartwright |
| PINE SISKIN: | May 14 | Hanover, N.H. | last | Forsyth & Haskins |
| RED CROSSBILL | May 18 | Pittsfield | 1 male | Mary T. Delaney |
| GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: | May 5, 11 | Fairfield, Conn. | first, next | Saunders |
| | " 12, 16 | Agawam, Concord | arrived | H.O.C., F. Elkins# |
| | " 15, 19 | Hanover, N.H. | 1, 6 | West, Weaver# |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW: | April 28 | Canaan, N.H. | 1 | McAlister & Ricard |
| | May 2 | Gt. Barrington | 1 | Mrs. Rinsma |
| | " 11, 15 | Holyoke, etc., Newton | firsts | Eliot#, Mason |
| | " 19 | N.H. & Vermont | firsts | Vaughan# |
| SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: | May 11 | Matunuck, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 30 | eastern Mass. | arrivals | J. Eaton#, Crain# |
| SEASIDE SPARROW: | May 11 | Matunuck, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 18 | Fairfield, Conn. | first 2 | Saunders |
| | " 30 | Monomoy | 1 | Griscom party |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: | May 1-28 | Exceptionally good flight | | |
| | May 14 | W. Beckett | 35 | Mrs. Derby |
| | " 20 | Chestnut Hill | 20 | R. Fisk |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: | Exceptionally poor flight throughout. | | | |
| | May 31 | Umbagog, Me., region | as usual | Taber |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | May 12 | Amherst, Hadley | 2 (on trapped) | Cutler, Bagg# |

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To those "May birders" who feel that all has passed by the coming of leafy June, this season must have been a shock and disappointment. While local summer residents attended to their traditional June activities, migration still continued apace, and transients were noted in numbers and variety at many points. Parties of observers checked "May-day" lists of over 100 species during the first week in June, and the earliest Acadian Sparrows reported in New England were not seen until June 4.

The month was cool with some heavy rains that affected Swallows adversely, but breeding birds in general had a satisfactory season.

Terns are an exception. Benchley reports most colonies (Plymouth and the outer Cape) smaller than last year, though birds continued to arrive up to the middle of the month. Some shorebirds stayed late. Their general departure from concentration points along the coast was June 15-16.

Decreased numbers of certain species are reported by many contributors. Red-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creepers, Winter and Short-billed Marsh Wrens, both Kinglets, and Blue-headed Vireos seem particularly scarce on their breeding grounds, reduced presumably by last winter's severe weather in our southeastern states. Kingfishers and White-throated Sparrows, also, and perhaps Green Herons, Hummingbirds, Cedar Waxwings, and Field Sparrows should be added to the list of species somewhat depleted. In certain areas Black-throated Green and Pine Warblers have been found less common, partly because of hurricane destruction of their habitat. Prairie Warblers, on the other hand, increasing markedly (except in SW Connecticut) have profited from the conversion of pine forests into lower, drier growth.

At the time of writing, bird song approaches a low ebb, as the singers retire to the bush to molt. But the shorebirds, heading south better than on schedule, have already arrived in thousands at favorable spots (Newburyport, Chatham) and should reach the peak of their adult flight within this month. Few white herons have appeared to date.

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| COMMON LOON: | June 10 | Ludlow reservoir | still 1 | Mrs. Merrick |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | May 29 | Phillipston | 1 | rep. to Allison |
| | No other intimation of breeding in Conn. Val. this year. | | | |
| | June 19-25 | at Middletown, R.I., and Dedham & Rockport, Mass. | | |
| SOOTY SHEARWATER: | June 6, 15 | Wellfleet, Monomoy | 1, 1 | Benchley, Griscom |
| | " 30 | Provincetown | 8 | Cottrells |
| | " 17 | off Salvages, C. Ann | 2 | Peabody, Garrison# |

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| WILSON'S PETREL: | June 1 | Nauset | 6 | Garrison, Gleason# |
| | " 16 | E. of Portland Lightship | several | Peabody# |
| | Some westward, none eastward of Casco Bay. | | | |
| | June 25 | Middletown, R. I. | 3 | Drury |
| | " 30 | Boston-Provincetown | 150 | Cottrells |
| YELLOW-BILLED TROPIC-BIRD(?): | May 26 | Ward Hill | 1 | Harry Cole |
| | The same bird reported by Harris (last issue) or one just like it was seen about an hour later flying westward, up the Merrimack. | | | |
| GANNET: | June 26 | Provincetown | 2 imm. | Benchley |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | June 1 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid |
| | June 30 | Boston harbor | 100 plus | Cottrells |
| | Increasing numbers are noted summering along shore. | | | |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | June 1-5 | Conn. Val. | 3 | Wakeman, Graves# |
| | " 4 | Plum I. | 2 going north | Griscom & Emilio |
| | Also late June stragglers at S. Windsor, Conn. & C. Ann. | | | |
| AMERICAN EGRET: | June 9 | Quonochontaug, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 23 on | Marshfield | 2 | Hagar |
| | " 28 | Meigs Pt., Conn. | 1 | Mrs. Merriam# |
| LITTLE BLUE HERON: | June 23 on | Marshfield | 4 adults | Hagar |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | June | Middletown, R.I. | 235 nests | Drury |
| YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | June 1 | Westport, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | June 7 | Portsmouth, R.I. | 1 adult | J.R. Nute |
| | " | Chatham | pair | Mrs. MacLay |
| | " 20 on | Marshfield | 2 - ad. & imm. | Hagar |
| | " 28 | Onset | 1 adult | Hill |
| LEAST BITTERN: | June 2, 23 | Lynnfield, Wayland | 2, 1 seen | H.O.C., Morgan |
| | " 22 | S. Windsor, Conn. | nest, 4 eggs | Hoffman# |
| CANADA GOOSE: | June 13 | Hatfield | 1 injured bird | Riedel |
| | " 25 | Nepaug, Conn. | 1 | Mrs. Schmidt |
| | " 13-14 | L. Umbagog, Me. | 12 | Hill |
| RED-LEGGED BLACK DUCK: | June 4 | Newburyport | 75 | Griscom & Emilio |
| | Latest ever recorded for Essex County. | | | |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | June 28 | Wayland | 10 | Morgan |
| | female with 9 young "well seen". | | | |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | June 3 | Wells River, Vt. | "first" | Smith |
| | " | Middletown, R.I. | "nesting not too good" | Drury |
| | " 4 | Ipswich | 8 males, X females | F. Smith |
| | " 15, 28 | Monomoy, Wayland | 1, sev. prs. | Griscom, Morgan |
| SCAUP: | June 4 | Newburyport | 3 (E.C. latest) | Griscom# |
| | " 8, 14 | Foster's Cove, etc., R.I. | 2, 1 | Kraus, Drury |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | June 2, 4 | Nahant, Newburyport | 1, 1 | H.O.C., Emilio# |
| | Latest Essex County records. | | | |
| OLDSQUAW: | June 4 | Fairfield, Conn. | 11 | Saunders |
| | A few stragglers as usual along Mass. shores. | | | |
| AMERICAN EIDER: | June 14 | Penobscot Bay, Me. | hundreds | Peabody, Stackpole# |
| | Increased, nesting further westward this year. | | | |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | June 3-4 | Fairfield, Conn. | 39-1 | Saunders |
| | " 13 | Fall River | 24 | Clement |
| | flying over northeastward. | | | |
| RUDDY DUCK: | June 8 | Foster's Cove, R.I. | 1 male | Kraus |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | June 15 | Aurora, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| TURKEY VULTURE: | June 16 | New Boston | 1 soaring north | F. Elkins |
| SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: | Eliot, correcting a statement in the last Bulletin, cites Kite observations in Connecticut subsequent to 1877, one in 1889 and one on July 29, 1938 (see AUK 57:247, 1940). | | | |

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| BROAD-WINGED HAWK: | June 3 | Beverly, Lincoln | 1, nest 3 eggs | Perkins, Morgan |
| | " 23 | Plymouth woods | 3 | Museum Field Trip |
| These were over an area where "17-year locusts" were plentiful, but were not actually seen capturing any. | | | | |
| BALD EAGLE: | June 14 | Mt. Wachusett | 1 | Gregory |
| | " 16 | Vernon, Vt. | 1 adult | Kirmann |
| | " 18 | L. Bomoseen, Vt. | 1 " | Kraus & Winslow |
| MARSH HAWK: | June 28 | Suffield, Conn. | 1 | Stebbins |
| OSPREY: | June 1 | Northampton | last C.V. transient | Wakeman |
| | " 30 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | Holcomb |
| | " | Increase around Little Compton, R.I. | but not | |
| | | near Newport. | | Drury |
| DUCK HAWK: | June 17 | South of Boon I., Me. | 1 | Peabody, Garrison# |
| | | over the open ocean, streaking due west. | | |
| | June 30 | over Milk I. (Essex Co.) | 1 | F. Smith |
| PIGEON HAWK (?): | | Late records at Harwich, May 30 (Gleason, Henry#) and Plum Island, June 2 (Robbins, Nash, Bergstrom) tend to support each other but still go in the doubtful column. | | |
| RUFFED GROUSE: | June 23 | Mt. Greylock | 1 | Bagg & Griscom |
| | | A very greyish individual was considered | B.U. togata. | |
| CLAPPER RAIL: | June 1 | Westport, Conn. | first | Saunders |
| VIRGINIA RAIL: | June 7 | Wayland | 20 plus calling | R. Eaton# |
| | | This species is enjoying a bumper season in eastern Massachusetts. | | |
| | June 1 | N. Truro | 1 heard | Garrison |
| FLORIDA GALLINULE: | June 1 | New Haven, Conn. | nest, 9 eggs | McCamey |
| PIPING PLOVER: | June | Newport, R.I. | first local pair | Drury |
| | " 28 | Orleans beach | first young out | Benchley |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | May 26, June 4 | Essex Co. | 550, 8 | Griscom# |
| | June 25 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 lingerer | Drury |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | to June 15 | Plymouth | 225 | Benchley |
| RUDDY TURNSTONE: | June 15, 16 | Monomoy | 2, none | Griscom |
| WOODCOCK: | June 29 | Cedar Hill, Conn. | 5 young | MacDavid# |
| | | Note the possibility of large broods this season making up in part for last winter's losses. | | |
| UPLAND PLOVER: | June 22-30 | New Britain, Conn. | 1 | Schmidt# |
| | " 24 | Dover, N.H. | 1 | Nash |
| | " 27 | Agawam | 6 (family?) | Kraus & Gregory |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | to June 15-16 | many points | small numbers | Benchley# |
| | June 21, 26 | Marshfield, Plum I. | 2, 2 | Young#, Safford |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | June 2 | Yarmouth | 3 | J. Eaton |
| KNOT: | June 2, 5 | Westerly etc., R.I. | 1, 11 | Kraus |
| | " 15, 16 on | Monomoy | 4, 1 lingerer | Griscom |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | June 2 | Yarmouth | 1 | J. Eaton |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | June 6 | Fairfield, Conn. | last 5 | Saunders |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | June 6 | Clinton, Conn. | 1 | Stebbins & Bowen |
| DOWITCHER: | June 4 | Essex County | 8 | Emilio & Griscom |
| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | June 4 | Essex County | 300 | Emilio & Griscom |
| | June 16, 30 | Monomoy | 140, 11 lingerers | Griscom |
| | " 23 | E. Orleans | pair | J. Eaton |
| | | one healthy bird remaining with its injured mate. | | |
| SANDERLING: | June 6 | Fairfield, Conn. | last | Saunders |
| | " 16, 30 | Monomoy | 30, 11 lingerers | Griscom |
| A few shorebirds always linger on our beaches during the short space of summer in which their myriad companions breed above the Arctic Circle. At the end of June there were only a Knot and 22 peep on Monomoy - Mr. Griscom's fewest ever. | | | | |

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| RED PHALAROPE: | CORRECTION: Mr. F. H. Allen points out that the 1000's of Phalaropes reported to him by Mr. John C. Worthington (in last issue) were "SP.?" - possibly either Reds or Northernns. | | | |
| | June 1 | Nauset | still a few | Morgan, Garrison# |
| NORTHERN PHALAROPE: | June 2 | off Plum I. | 1 | Bergstrom, Nash# |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | June 16 | Monomoy | 1 imm. | Griscom |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | June 1 | Nauset | 100 est. | Garrison# |
| HERRING GULL: | June 2 | Agawam | 1 "surprising" | Eliot |
| | " 21 | E.Orleans | 6500 est. | Benchley |
| | "big concentrations due to dog fish driven ashore." | | | |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | throughout | Plymouth | 100 plus | Benchley |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | June 4 | Newburyport | 20 still | Emilio & Griscom |
| | throughout | Plymouth | 10-20 imm. | Benchley |
| COMMON TERN: | June 11 | Fairfield, Conn. | 35 | Saunders |
| | after NE storm, with Roseates. First since May 12. | | | |
| | June | Newport, R.I., region | shift | Drury |
| | None on Island Rks., increase at Brenton's Pt. Also Roseate. | | | |
| | June 6-7 | Monomoy | many migrants | Benchley |
| | to " 15 | E.Orleans, etc. | colonies growing | " |
| | " 14 | " " | first young | " |
| | June 15-30 | Tern I., Chatham | increase | N.Eldredge |
| | from about half to nearer normal. | | | |
| ARCTIC TERN: | Apparent decrease in Cape colonies | | | Benchley# |
| ROSEATE TERN: | Much as the Common Tern. | | | Benchley, Drury |
| | June 4 | Newburyport | 2 | Griscom & Emilio |
| LEAST TERN: | late June | Monomoy, etc. | some arrivals | Griscom, Eldredge |
| | June | Plymouth | 100 pr. - half 1939 | Benchley |
| BLACK TERN: | June 13 | Concord | 1 (well seen) | V. Armstrong |
| DOVEKIE: | June 16 | Monomoy Point | 1 | Griscom |
| MOURNING DOVE: | June 28 | Danville, Vt. | 1 | G.H. Ross & H. Potter |
| YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: | June | Brewer, Me., region | none, either species | Weston |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: | Localized: exceptional numbers feeding on gypsy moth caterpillars on Cape Cod, etc. | | | |
| GREAT HORNED OWL: | June 1 | Ipswich | 4 | Mrs. Howe & Mrs. Dubois |
| | adults and young at nest seen repeatedly. | | | |
| | June 23 | Northampton | 1 imm.? | Eliot# |
| WHIP-POOR-WILL: | June 14 | Milford, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| NIGHT HAWK: | June 4 | Topsfield | flock of 20 | Griscom & Emilio |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT: | June 4 | Plum I. etc. | transients noted | Griscom# |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | June 2 | Fitzwilliam, N.H. | nest, 1 egg | Taber |
| | June 18 | Orwell, Vt. | pair & nest | Kraus & Winslow |
| ARCTIC THREE-TOED WOODPECKER: | June 15 | L. Umbagog, Me. | 1 female | Hill |
| CRESTED FLYCATCHER: | June 9 on | Andover, N.H. | 1 (rare) | K. Elkins |
| | " 13 | Enfield, Me. | 1 (") | Kraus & Winslow |
| YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: | CORRECTION - Outside dates for the Connecticut Valley (in last issue) should have read "May 20-June 1" not "May 22-27." | | | |
| | June 2 | Nahant | 3 | R. & R. Tousey# |
| | " | Sandwich Mt., N.H. | about 20 | R. & R. Tousey |
| | " | east Maine coast | commoner than usual | K. Tousey |
| ALDER FLYCATCHER: | June 1 | Milford, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| | " 2 | Lynnfield | 7 singing | Robbins, Nash# |
| | " 2 | Medford, Princeton | 1, 1 | Tousey, Gregory |
| | " 4, 5 | Sudbury, Belmont | several, 2 (trans.) | Griscom#, Hill |
| | " 9-30 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 - nest, 3 eggs | Schmidt# |
| WOOD PEWEE: | June 1 | eastern Mass. | became common | Griscom# |
| | " 2, 4 | Essex County | more transients | Harvard O.C.# |

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| OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: | June | Goshen & Monroe | breeding | Eliot# |
| | June 15 | Mt. Greylock | 1 | F. Elkins |
| | " 11-17 | L. Umbagog, Me. | 11 | Hill |
| TREE SWALLOW: | June 27 | N. Eastham | young | Benchley# |
| | more found dead than alive after storm. | | | |
| | June | Middletown, R.I. | "increased!" | Drury |
| BANK SWALLOW: | June 16 | Nauset | 1 freak | J. Eaton |
| | with outside tail feathers white, curved out, triple length. | | | |
| ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: | June 14 | Sherburne Val., Vt. | 2 pairs | Brown |
| | June 15 | Dolly Copp, Mt. Washington, N.H. | pair | Kraus# |
| | as in 1939. Furthest NE station known? | | | |
| BARN & CLIFF SWALLOWS: | June 4 | Plum I. | late transients | Emilio & Griscom |
| PURPLE MARTIN: | June 1,2 | Cambridge, S. Hadley | 1,1 | Griscom |
| | " 2 | Kingston | 15 | Garrison |
| ACADIAN CHICKADEE: | June 16 | Mt. Jefferson, N.H. | 4 | Kraus & Winslow |
| | " | Sandwich Mt., " | 5 | Touseys |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Very few reported; missing from many areas. | | | |
| BROWN CREEPER: | Likewise. | | | |
| | June 23 | Mt. Wachusett | 1 singing | Kraus |
| WINTER WREN: | Also very scarce. | | | |
| | June | Vinalhaven, Me. | 1 of 7 regular prs. | K. Tousey |
| CAROLINA WREN: | June | Middletown, R.I. | 7 singing males | Drury |
| SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: | June 2 | Fitzwilliam, N.H. | 1 | Taber |
| | June 6 | Princeton | as usual | Kraus |
| | " 9 | Belmont | first (!) | Robbins |
| | " | Sudbury | 3 pairs | Griscom# |
| | Not found nesting at Middletown, R.I., Conn. Valley, Lynnfield. | | | |
| MOCKINGBIRD: | June 3 | Mt. Hermon | singing male | Pohlman |
| HERMIT THRUSH: | June | Sudbury Valley | 1 pair | Griscom |
| | was common summer resident - 25 pairs - in 1938. | | | |
| | June 2 | W. Dover, Vt. | none | R. Eaton |
| | Formerly abundant summer resident. | | | |
| | Other reports indicate serious decrease. | | | |
| OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: | June 2-3 | eastern Mass. | last transients | Root# |
| BICKNELL'S THRUSH: | June 3 | Wells River, Vt. | first 3; singing | Smith |
| VEERY: | June 4 | Plum I. | transients | Emilio & Griscom |
| BLUEBIRD: | June 19-26 | Mt. Washington, N.H. | pair | S. Harris |
| | Seen at birdhouse near Lake-of-the-Clouds on days between snow and sleet storms. | | | |
| GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: | June 25-29 | Barnet, etc., Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | June 3 | Brewer, Me. | 3 | Weston |
| | " 4 | eastern Mass. | belated gen. arrival | Griscom |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE: | June 8 | New Britain, Conn. | 1 | Schmidt |
| | being chased by 3 Robins. | | | |
| STARLING: | June 9 | Bridgeport, Conn. | 1 imm. | Bagg |
| | an albino - with dark bluish-black eye. | | | |
| WHITE-EYED VIREO: | June 2 | N. Stonington, Conn. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 9 | Quonochontaug, R.I. | 1 | " |
| YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: | While common in western Mass., Conn., etc., very scarce in eastern Mass. None in Essex County. | | | |
| | June | Wellesley | 3 pairs | Mrs. Bartlett# |
| | " | Dedham | 2 " | Allen, Nash# |
| | " 3 | Belmont | 1 migrant | Robbins |
| BLUE-HEADED VIREO: | Population less than one half. | | | |
| | June 21,28 | Northampton | roving males | Eliot |
| RED-EYED VIREO: | June 4 | Plum I. | late transients | Griscom# |

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| PHILADELPHIA VIREO: | June 12 | Breton Woods, N.H. | 2 | Kraus & Winslow |
| | " 14 | Oak Hill, Me. | 1 | " " |
| | " 21 | Waterville, N.H. | 1 | Touseys |
| WARBLING VIREO: | June 4 | Brewer, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| WORM-EATING WARBLER: | June 2, 23 | Bash-Bish | 1 male | Eliot, Baggs |
| | " 2, 23 | N. Stonington, Conn. | 2, 4 pairs | Coman, Kraus |
| BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: | June 4 | southwestern R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 12 | Tiverton, R.I. | singing male | Clement |
| BREWSTER'S WARBLER: | June 9 | southwestern, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | | with underparts all yellow, Golden-wing song. | | |
| | June 18 | Springfield | 1 male | Dietrich |
| | | east of former nesting glen. Golden-wing song. | | |
| LAWRENCE'S WARBLER: | June 1 | Green Hill, R.I. | 1 | E.L. Coman |
| | | Apparently first Rhode Island record. | | |
| | June 2 | N. Stonington, Conn. | 2 | Kraus, Coman, Winslow |
| | | males half mile apart. Sang like Blue-wings. | | |
| | June 14 | New Britain, Conn. | 1 male | Schmidt & Mrs. Coburn |
| | | in Willow Brook Park. Blue-wing song. | | |
| PARULA WARBLER: | June 1 | Fairfield, Conn. | last | Saunders |
| | " 2, 4 | Goshen, Plum I. | late transients | Allison, Emilio |
| | " 16 | Barnardston | singing male | Allison |
| | " 23 | Wilmot, N.H. | 1 (rare) | K. Elkins |
| MAGNOLIA WARBLER: | June 4 | Concord, Plum I. | 1, 12 tr. | Armstrong, Safford |
| CAPE MAY WARBLER: | | CORRECTION - dates in the Conn. Val. (last issue) should have begun with May 8 (2 in Northfield). | | |
| | June 1 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | " 15 | Mt. Desert I., Me. | 1 male | Kraus & Winslow |
| BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: | June 4 | Plum I. | transients (E.C. latest) | Emilio |
| | | Appear to be in especially good numbers on their breeding grounds. | | |
| MYRTLE WARBLER: | June | Andover, N.H. | "much reduced" | K. Elkins |
| BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: | June 1 | Fairfield, Conn. | last 2 | Saunders |
| | " | Northfield | count high | F. Elkins |
| | " | S. Lincoln | pair nesting | Griscom |
| | | They were locally resident here before the hurricane, then not found at all in 1939. | | |
| CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: | June 4 | Plum I. | late transient | Griscom |
| BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: | June 1 | Cambridge | 1 transient | Griscom |
| | " 15 | Mt. Desert I., Me. | 1 male | Kraus & Winslow |
| | " 27 | Woodbury, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| | | in spruces at 2000 feet. | | |
| BLACKPOLL WARBLER: | June 1, 8 | Wells River, Vt. | peak, last | Smith |
| | " 8 | Fairfield, Conn. | last | Saunders |
| | " 4 | Plum I. | 15 plus | Mason |
| PINE WARBLER: | June 2 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | | Formerly did not breed; possibly now moving into pines planted by Water Department. | | |
| PRAIRIE WARBLER: | June 4 | Northampton, Plum I. | 1, 1 | Eliot, Mason |
| | " 9-26 | Andover, N.H. | 1 | K. Elkins |
| | | Apparently first local record so far north. | | |
| | | Prairies are increased and numerous throughout. | | |
| NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: | June 2 | S. Hadley | 1 transient | Griscom |
| LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH (?): | June 25 | Washington, N.H. | 3 | Gertrude Allen |
| | | So far north, this observation, though circumstantial, is classed as doubtful. | | |

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| MOURNING WARBLER: | June 1 | Fairfield, Conn. | last | Saunders |
| | " 2 | Medford | 1 | Touseys |
| | " 1 on | Mt. Greylock | on br. grounds | several observers |
| | " 9 | Monroe | nesting as usual | Eliot |
| | " 28 etc. | Princeton | pair feeding yg. | Kraus |
| | 940 feet; lowest and easternmost Mass. site. | | | |
| | June | east of N. Adams | 1 male | Eliot |
| | with grey-white throat and breast, perfect Yellowthroat song. | | | |
| HOODED WARBLER: | June 2 | N. Stonington, Conn. | 6-8 | Coman, Kraus, Winslow |
| | " 4 | King's Factory Pd., R.I. | 3 | Kraus |
| REDSTART: | June 4-8 | Plum I. | sundry transients | Safford |
| BOBOLINK: | June 1 | Cambridge | late transient | Griscom |
| ORCHARD ORIOLE: | June 20 | Belmont | 1 | Nash |
| | " 23 | Greenbush | feeding young | Museum Field Trip |
| "RIDGWAY'S" GRACKLE: | June 23 | S. Egremont | 1 | Bagg & Griscom |
| SCARLET TANAGER: | June 2 | Plum I. | 2 transients | Safford |
| | " 19 | Northampton | stray male | Eliot |
| CARDINAL: | June | Sutton | present | Bagg & Griscom |
| | " 17 | Osterville | 3 plus | Mrs. J. Eaton |
| | female with several young. | | | |
| ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: | June 4 | eastern Mass. | transients | Griscom# |
| BLUE GROSBEAK: | May 19 | S. Chatham | 1 female | Bishop & Putnam |
| INDIGO BUNTING: | June 15 | Aurora, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| PINE GROSBEAK: | CORRECTION - Cartwright's observation (in last issue) was at Williamstown, not Mt. Tom. | | | |
| PINE SISKIN: | June 9 | Rutland, Vt. | several | Brown |
| | " | east Maine coast | "occasionally" | K. Tousey |
| RED CROSSBILL: | June 14 | L. Umbagog, Me. | 2 | Hill |
| | " 16 | Mt. Jefferson, N.H. | 2 | Kraus & Winslow |
| WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: | June 29 | east Maine coast | first | K. Tousey |
| | Subsequently "abundant in every harbor east of Penobscot Bay." | | | |
| HENSLAW'S SPARROW: | June 23 | Andover, N.H. | 1 | K. Elkins |
| | " 30 | New Britain, Conn. | 5 localities | Schmidt# |
| ACADIAN SPARROW: | June 4 | Plum I. | 6 <u>first</u> | Griscom & Emilio |
| | " 8 | Quonochontaug, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 15 | Monomoy | 2 (State latest) | Griscom |
| JUNCO: | June 22 | Williamsburg | breeding ? | Bagg# |
| SWAMP SPARROW: | June 4 | Plum I. | transient in bayberry | Griscom# |

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The weather in July was about "normal" in northern New England; warm and humid but with deficient rainfall, in southern New England.

Nesting birds in general did well, and there is some evidence that larger than average broods occurred, as a factor to compensate for the smaller than average population when summer started.

Southern herons have not yet spread northeastward in any numbers. Fine flocks of American Egrets are reported in Connecticut only. Little Blue and Yellow-crowned Night Herons have been hard to find, aside from the few that summered.

As usual, odds and ends of non-breeding seafowl, especially Scoters, have been seen all season alongshore.

Shorebirds started southward early and in good numbers. During the first peak of their flight, Professor Eliot found at Newburyport the most unusual bird of the month, a Ruff (Philomachus pugnax of Europe and Asia).

Another bird of special interest was an Audubon's Shearwater seen by Mr. Bowen southwest of No Man's Land. It will be recalled that the first New England record for this species (1937) comes from Martha's Vineyard, nearby; and the second from Little Compton, Rhode Island (1938). Mr. Griscom reports having seen it in the past from ocean steamers in adjacent waters. Possibly it will prove, on investigation, not quite so rare a bird in New England waters as formerly supposed.

The exact distribution of our pelagic species (shearwaters, phalaropes, jaegers, alcids) remains, in many cases, problematical and a partial mystery. Their occurrence is "regularly unpredictable." Only as more observers yearly devote attention to observing them accurately, can we hope to solve the riddles they present. Observation, however, must comprise not only dates and numbers seen, but a good many other factors, as ocean temperatures, fish and "bait" associated with the birds, weather, recent winds, etc.

To some of the less experienced observers the following suggestions may be helpful:

1. Late August and early September should bring in shorebirds abundantly and in their greatest variety to favored points, especially alongshore.
2. Shearwaters and Jaegers also reach their peak at this season, off the coast.
3. Northeast gales can be counted on to bring to land rarer offshore migrants, such as Golden Plover. Try to get to an outside point (Plum Island, Monomoy, etc.) before the storm has abated. When such disturbances come from the tropics or the Florida coast, extraordinary birds may be deposited almost anywhere.
4. At this season northwest winds (overnight or over two or three nights) bring in waves of land bird migrants. Rare western species are most likely to be found in such flights (especially near the coast).
5. The Broad-winged Hawk flight develops in the third week of September, especially on or near September 17th. (For details see: Hagar, "Hawks at Mount Tom", etc., Mass. Audubon Bulletin, April and October 1937.) Observers who cannot

get to Mt. Tom at that time are urged to look for Broad-wings from other suitable stations, Mt. Monadnock, for instance, and any high points northeastward.

During the week of September 9-14, the American Ornithologists' Union will hold its Annual Meeting, in Boston and Cambridge. In conjunction with this, the Museum is presenting, throughout September, an Exhibit of Bird Painting and Photography, which will show the work of many notable artists.

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| COMMON LOON: | July 19 | Buzzards Bay | flock of 6 | Benchley |
| | Several groups not found earlier in the summer noted in salt water in July. | | | |
| RED-THROATED LOON: | July 30-31 | Cataumet | 1 in breeding plumage | Mason |
| HORNED GREBE: | July 17 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1 in breeding plumage | Emerson |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | Nesting in Connecticut Valley at Wilbraham and Amherst. | | | |
| SOOTY SHEARWATER: | July 6 | off Monomoy Pt. | 3 | Griscom |
| AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: | July 21 | 15 miles SW of No Man's Land | 1 | Bowen |
| | well seen and fully described. | | | |
| GREATER SHEARWATER: | July 12,29 | off Newport, R.I. | 3,6 | Drury |
| CORY'S SHEARWATER: | July 27-30 | S. of No Man's Land | 1-8 | Drury |
| | " 28 | off Little Compton, R.I. | 50 | Bowen |
| WILSON'S PETREL: | July | Block I., R.I., region | "surprising scarcity" | Bowen |
| | late July | N. of Provincetown | "very unusual numbers" | Peabody |
| | July 15 | 6 miles off Plum I. | 25 | Curtis |
| | A few on their usual wintering grounds. | | | |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | July 14 | Muskeget I. | 1 | Cottrells |
| | July 21 | Egg Rk., off Manchester | 1 imm. | Curtis & Eaton |
| | young, barely able to fly. | | | |
| | July 20 | Isles of Shoals, N.H. | 45 | Nash & E. Mason |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | Migrants in southern New England from late July onward. | | | |
| AMERICAN EGRET: | July 8 | Easthampton | 2 | Combs |
| | " 10 | Seapowet, R.I. | 3 | Mrs. Williston |
| | " 18,20 | Westport, Ipswich | 2,2 | L. Ring, Taber |
| | " 19 | Hampton, N.H. | 1 | E. Mason & Nash |
| | " 21 | Lyme, Niantic, Conn. | 14,4 | Mrs. Porter, Belden |
| | " 25,27 | Saybrook, S. Windsor, Conn. | 12,1 | Hunt#, MacDavid# |
| | " 27 | Pittsfield | 1 | Hendricks# |
| LITTLE BLUE HERON: | July 28 | Marshfield | 8 | Hagar# |
| | " 25 on | Lenox | 2 | Eliot# |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | Color bands: all 1940 nestlings, single blue, right leg. Middletown, R.I. (40) survey band, left leg; Waltham (52) survey over red, left; Marshfield, survey over blue, left. Please report here, marked "Heron Survey," observations of any such birds. | | | |
| YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | July 1-5 | Chatham | 3 | Mrs. MacLay# |
| | a pair and juvenile raised at Sears Point. | | | |
| | July 12 | Nauset | adult & imm. | Griscom |
| | " 11,21 | Ipswich | 1 adult | Wiggin, F. Smith |
| | " 25 | Halifax | 1 juvenile | Taber |
| LEAST BITTERN: | July 13 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 3 with 5 imm. | MacDavid# |
| | " 1,31 | Longmeadow, Woburn | heard | Eliot# |
| | " 31 | Concord | 1 seen | V. Armstrong# |

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| BLACK DUCK: | July 23 | Briggs Marsh, R.I. | 25 | Emerson |
| | Compare: 90 in 1937, 150 in 1938, and 230 in 1939 at this habitual gathering place. | | | |
| | July 9 | Cohasset | 1 adult | Edward B. Long |
| | This bird was struggling to free itself from a huge snapping turtle which had seized one leg. Mr. Long freed the duck by shooting the turtle. | | | |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | July 24 | Ipswich | nest, 8 downy young | Alexander |
| AMERICAN EIDER: | July | Muscongus Bay, Me. | 1000 | Cruickshank# |
| AMERICAN MERGANSER: | July 1 on | Westport | 2 ad. drakes | Clement |
| RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: | July 8 | Pittsfield | 1 female | Clarke & Hendricks |
| | July 10 | Chatham | pair | MacLay & Fuller |
| | " | Meredith, N.H. | 4 | S. Robbins, Jr. |
| TURKEY VULTURE: | June | Mt. Everett | 1-4 | Warden Whitbeck |
| | seem to come from direction of East Mt. (Great Barrington) not Connecticut, as supposed. | | | |
| | July 3 | Jackman, Me. | 1 | rep. to Eckstorm |
| | This bird, missing one eye and much infested, was picked up beside a road, sprayed with Flit, kept 5 days, and released in improved condition. "Rather far north ---" | | | |
| | July 5 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| GOSHAWK: | July 15 | Greenfield, Me. | 3 | Weston |
| | "young able to fly but still near nest." | | | |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | July 2 | Meredith, N.H. | 1 | S. Robbins, Jr. |
| | "attacked and struck a Red-shouldered Hawk." | | | |
| BALD EAGLE: | July 3 etc. | S. of Vernon, Vt. | 1-5 | Kirrmann, Holden# |
| | on an island in the Conn. R., N. of Mass. line. | | | |
| | July | Meredith, N.H. | 2 ad., 1 imm. | S. Robbins, Jr. |
| | " | Popponessett | 2 " 1 " | Hauthaway |
| MARSH HAWK: | July 3, 6 | Princeton, Northfield | 1, 1 | Kraus, Kirrmann |
| OSPREY: | July 28 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid# |
| | " 3 | Hinsdale, N.H. | 2 | Kirrmann |
| | " 30 | Northampton | 1 | R. Warnock |
| | lit on 13,000 volt line and perished amidst "a series of flashes and explosions" of porcelain insulator, etc. | | | |
| | July 10 | Seapowet, R.I. | 14 occupied nests | Drury |
| BOB-WHITE: | Widely distributed (7 localities) in the Conn. Val. and reported as "not planted." | | | |
| | June 25 | Pittsfield | 1 | Wilbur Foote |
| SORA: | June 25 | Pittsfield | many (heard) | Eliot# |
| FLORIDA GALLINULE: | July 4 | Lanesboro | 2 ad., 2 imm. | Touseys |
| | " 13 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid# |
| COOT: | July 21 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | July 4 | Chatham | 15 | J. Eaton |
| | " 18-25 | Essex County | 5-50 | Griscom |
| | " 21-27 | Nauset | 150-200 | " |
| | " 21, 26 | Pittsfield, Spencer | 2, 2 | Hendricks, Kraus |
| | " 31 | Harrington, Me. | 50 | Weston |
| KILLDEER: | July 10 | Wayland | 20 Hurd's Pd. | Reynolds |
| GOLDEN PLOVER: | July 27 | Ipswich | 7 | R. J. Eaton |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | July 7 | Chilmark | 6 | G. Emerson & Wakeman |
| | July 12, 17 | Nauset | 8, 100 | Griscom, Benchley |
| | " 31 | Newburyport | 1 | Eliot# |
| RUDDY TURNSTONE: | July 6-28 | Monomoy | 1-20 | Griscom |
| | " 27, 28 | Nauset, M. Vineyard | 4, 5 | " , Cobb |

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| HUDSONIAN CURLEW: | July 6,15 | Rowley | 6 | Batchelder & Alex. |
| | " 14 | Madaket, Nantucket | 4 | Cottrells |
| | " 14-22 | Chatham | 7-20 | Griscom |
| | " 16-29 | Little Compton, R.I. | 2-1 only | Emerson |
| | " 18 | Essex County | 28 | Griscom |
| | " 20,27 | Ipswich | 9,14 | Taber, R.Eaton |
| | " 28 | Martha's Vineyard | 12 | S.Cobb |
| UPLAND PLOVER: | July 1-24 | Agawam | 9-7 only | Eliot# |
| | " 4-31 | W.Newbury | 3 plus | F.Smith# |
| | " 18,25 | Essex County | 1 transient, 10 | Griscom |
| | " 26 | Corinth, Me. | 4 | Weston |
| | " 16 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | July 10,17 | Wayland, Pittsfield | 2,3 | Reynolds, Hendricks |
| WESTERN WILLET: | July 28 | Nauset | 3 | J.Eaton |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | June 16-July 4 | Nauset | 6 | J.Eaton |
| | July 7 | Nauset | 30 | " |
| | " 10 | Seapowet, R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| | " 18,28 | Newburyport, Monomoy | 8,20 | Griscom |
| | " 25 | Pittsfield | 1 | Eliot |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | July 10 | Seapowet, R.I., etc. | 30 | Drury |
| | " 6-14 | Monomoy | 3-35 | Griscom |
| | " 12-27 | Nauset | 45-20 | " |
| | " 17-20 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot & Thayer |
| | Earliest ever in Connecticut Valley. | | | |
| | July 18 | Newburyport | 2500 | Griscom |
| | One of, or the greatest count ever for this region. | | | |
| | July 25,28 | Newburyport, Framingham | 50,20 | Griscom, Kraus |
| KNOT: | July 10-14 | Monomoy | 25-90 | Fuller#, Griscom |
| | " 22-28 | " | 85-25 | Griscom |
| | " 21-27 | Nauset | 300-350 | " |
| | " 18-27 | Ipswich | 2-15 | R.Eaton, Smith# |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER: | July 18 | Essex County | 1 <u>early</u> | Griscom |
| | " 28 | Framingham | 4 | Kraus |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | July 17 | Chilmark | 1 | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | July 24 | Tiverton, R.I. | 2 <u>early</u> | Bowen |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | July 6-14 | Monomoy | 18-500 | Griscom |
| | " 22-28 | " | 200-10 | " |
| | " 21-27 | Nauset | 10-50 | " |
| | Note the seasonal increase of birds at Nauset and relative decline at Monomoy. See also Knot and others. | | | |
| | July 10,18 | Westport, etc., Newburyport | 15,50 | Drury# |
| | " 17 on | Conn.Val. | "usual numbers" | Eliot |
| | " 31 | Harrington, Me. | 100 | Weston |
| EASTERN DOWITCHER: | July 6-14 | Monomoy | 36-1200 | Griscom# |
| | " 22-28 | " | 775-500 | " |
| | " 12-21-27 | Nauset | 30-1000-300 | " |
| | " 18-12 | Essex County | 700-200 | " |
| | " 10,22 | Westport, Plymouth | 12,100 | Drury, Bergstrom |
| LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: | July 28 | Nauset | 1 | J.Eaton |
| | "Mostly, if not entirely, in winter plumage." Noticeably larger than 3 Eastern Dowitchers feeding together nearby, and bill "approximately 1/3 longer." | | | |
| STILT SANDPIPER: | July 18 | Newburyport | 8 adults | Griscom# |
| | Earliest fall migrants ever in Essex County. | | | |
| | July 22-28 | Monomoy | 1 | Griscom# |

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| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | July 6-14-28 | Monomoy | 38-200-300 | Griscom# |
| | July 17-28 | Nauset | 750-4000 | Benchley, Garrison# |
| | " 18-25 | Newburyport | 2000 | Emilio# |
| | " 21-26 | Spencer | 20-120 | Kraus |
| | " 25 | Pittsfield | 4 | Eliot# |
| | " 10, 22 | Westport, Plymouth | 6,750 | Drury, Bergstrom |
| | " 28 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 3 | MacDavid# |
| | " 31 | Harrington, Me. | 500 | Weston |
| HUDSONIAN GODWIT: | July 21-22 | Ipswich | 2 adults | F. Smith, Kelloggs# |
| | " 27 | " | 9 | F. Smith & Harris |
| RUFF: | July 31 | Newburyport | 1 | S. A. Eliot, Jr. |
| | "big and belligerent, probably male..." Well seen, both flying and standing, close at hand. | | | |
| SANDERLING: | July 17 | Chilmark | 2 | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | " 21-28 | Nauset | 50-500 | Griscom, J. Eaton# |
| | " 22, 25 | Monomoy, Newburyport | 100, 4 | Griscom |
| NORTHERN PHALAROPE: | July 28 | 3 miles off Manchester | 90 | Curtis |
| PARASITIC JAEGER: | July 14 | Monomoy | 2 <u>early</u> | Griscom & Garrison |
| | " 28 | S. of No Man's Land | 9 | Drury |
| | Six in dark phase. (Others seen on four-day cruise.) | | | |
| POMARINE JAEGER: | July 25 | Vineyard Sound | 2 dark phase | Emerson |
| | " 29 | off No Man's Land | 1 | Drury |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | July 21, 25 | Nauset, Sagamore | 1, 1 | Griscom, Hill |
| GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: | July 28 | Milk I., Essex Co. | 1 | F. Smith |
| | an immature too young to fly. | | | |
| HERRING GULL: | July 21 | Pittsfield | 1 adult | Clarke |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | July 20 | Plymouth | 100 still | Benchley |
| | " 20 | Chatham | 5 transients | Griscom |
| | " 24 | Little Compton, R.I. | 3 "early" | Emerson |
| LAUGHING GULL: | July 7 | Cutler, Me. | 2 <u>far east</u> | K. Tousey |
| | " 4-7 | Wianno | numerous | Garrison |
| | over the tree tops, apparently catching "17-year locusts" in the air. | | | |
| | Mr. J. Eaton writes that he finally "saw a Laughing Gull catch a Locust just above the tree tops... After it caught the insect, I saw the two wings fall from the gull's beak... How the gull was able to remove the wings and swallow only the body I do not know." | | | |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | July 18-25 | Newburyport | 200-50 | Tousey# |
| KITTIWAKE: | July 28 | Nauset | 1 adult | J. Eaton |
| | "excellent view...yellow bill, black legs...wing tips..." | | | |
| COMMON TERN: | Benchley appraises the breeding season on Cape Cod as poor but not seriously so. | | | |
| | July | Wianno | 1 | J. Eaton |
| | while flying over tree tops, seen to dive at a "17-year locust." | | | |
| | Success undetermined. | | | |
| ARCTIC TERN: | July | Isles of Shoals, N.H. | 840 (60%) | Nash & E. Mason |
| | July | Isles of Shoals, N.H. | 350 (25%) | Nash & E. Mason |
| | " | Cape colonies | full quota | Benchley |
| | " 25, 31 | Plum I. | 8, 1 | Griscom, Eliot |
| ROSEATE TERN: | July | Isles of Shoals, N.H. | 210 (15%) | Nash & E. Mason |
| BLACK TERN: | July 4 | L. Champlain, Vt. | about 10 | F. A. Young# |
| | " 7-11 | Nantucket | 1-6 | J. M. Andrews# |
| | " 10 | Chatham | first | MacLay & Fuller |
| BLACK SKIMMER: | July 9-19 | Chatham | 2 | Benchley, MacLay# |

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| RAZOR-BILLED AUK: | July 11 | Nantucket | 1 (dead) | J.M.Andrews |
| BLACK GUILLEMOT: | July 14 | off York, Me. | 2 (far west'd) | Peabodys |
| PUFFIN: | July | Muscongus Bay, Me. | 1 | Cruickshank# |
| YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: | Rather few reported. | | | |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: | Found numerous in gypsy moth caterpillar areas, scarce elsewhere. | | | |
| SAW-WHET OWL: | July 16 | Greylock summit | 1 heard | Taber |
| NIGHTHAWK: | July 15-16 | Barre, Vt. | courtship booming | Mrs.Drew |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT: | Seems to be unusually common throughout. | | | |
| RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: | July 17 | Barre, Vt. | male | Mrs.Drew |
| | | | doing pendulum courtship flight. | Plentiful. |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | Continued operations at Fitzwilliam, N.H., & Greenfield. | | | |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER: | July | Ossipee, N.H. | 1 | Mrs.Pratt |
| | the first since May. | | | |
| YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: | July 15 | Greenfield, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| ALDER FLYCATCHER: | July 1 | S.Windsor, Conn. | 2 pairs | Mrs.Coburn# |
| | One nest found and photographed. | | | |
| LEAST FLYCATCHER: | July 4-7 | Franklin & Somerset Co's, Me. | only 2 | Taber |
| | " | Ossipee, N.H. | "common" | Mrs.Pratt |
| WOOD PEWEE: | July 24 | Beddington, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | " | N.Stratford, N.H. | 1 daily | Miss Johnson |
| OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: | July | Mt.Greylock | pair | Taber, Eliot# |
| | July 25 | Berkshires | 2 | Eliot |
| | heard in other likely nesting localities. | | | |
| PRAIRIE HORNED LARK: | July 6 | near Dover-Foxcroft, Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| TREE SWALLOW: | July 6 | Monomoy | 24 transients | Griscom |
| | " 14-31 | " | " | " |
| | " 18, 25 | Essex County | 75, 1 | " only " |
| | The depletion of this species is very noticeable, thought to be considerably more than half. | | | |
| BANK SWALLOW: | July 6 | Monomoy | 1 transient | Griscom |
| ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: | July 21 | Spencer | present | Eliot |
| | "As this species spreads and multiplies, it stays later..." | | | |
| | July 25 | N.Adams, Lanesboro | also | Eliot |
| BARN SWALLOW: | July 6 | Monomoy | 3 first trans. | noted Griscom |
| | " 20-22 | Wells River, Vt. | 55-82 | W.Smith |
| | " 28 | " | 350 | " |
| | Mixed flocks: chiefly Barn & Cliff, a few Banks. | | | |
| CLIFF SWALLOW: | July 18 | Ipswich | 20 transients | Griscom |
| PURPLE MARTIN: | July 10 | Orrington, Me. | 1 only | Eckstorm |
| | " 31 | S.Gardner | 2 male & imm. | Eliot# |
| CROW: | July 27 on | Ossipee, N.H. | 100 | Mrs.Pratt |
| | apparently gathered to feast on abundant gypsy moths or their pupae. | | | |
| BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE: | July 27 | Barre, Vt. | 1 | Mrs.Drew |
| | gathering nesting material. | | | |
| ACADIAN CHICKADEE: | July 15 | Greenfield, Me. | 6 | Weston |
| | young well grown. | | | |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | July | Lenox | none | Wallace |
| SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: | July 21 | Lenox | 1 | Bradburn boys |
| | Heard at Lanesboro, Agawam, Spencer, & Princeton, also. | | | |
| | July 19 | E.Raymond, Me. | 1 | Jones |
| MOCKINGBIRD: | June 3 | Mt.Hermon | 1 singing | Pohlman |
| | " | Sheffield | pair | Warden Whitbeck |
| | One on Mt. Everett repeatedly at 2000, even 2626, feet. | | | |

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| CATBIRD: | July 4-7 | Stratton-Flagstaff, Me. | 1 | Taber |
| | " 14 | Rockwood, Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| | west side of Mooshead. Both far from home. | | | |
| HERMIT THRUSH: | Apparently up to full numbers in most of its breeding range (Taber, W.Smith, Eliot) despite shortage apparent in May. | | | |
| OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: | July 7 | Mt. Greylock | nest, 3 eggs | Eliot# |
| BICKNELL'S THRUSH: | "Extremely common on mountains this year." | | | Taber |
| | July | Mt. Greylock | as usual | Mrs. Rinsma## |
| VEERY: | July 26 | Barre, Vt. | singing | Mrs. Drew |
| | nearly two weeks longer than usual. | | | |
| BLUEBIRD: | July | Lenox | none | Wallace |
| | at Sanctuary. First time in 11 years. | | | |
| YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: | July 1-11 | Barre, Vt. | singing | Mrs. Drew |
| | July 19 | E. Raymond, Me. | 2 | Jones |
| BLUE-HEADED VIREO: | July | Wells River, Vt. | 2 pairs | Smith |
| | where normally 5 are found. | | | |
| | July | NW Maine, etc. | "great rarity" | Taber |
| | This species seems to have been particularly hard hit. | | | |
| WARBLING VIREO: | throughout | Barre, Vt., N. Stratford, N.H. | singing | Drew, Johnson |
| BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: | July 29 | Brewer, Me. | 1 (transient) | Eckstorm |
| TENNESSEE WARBLER: | July 6 | Bigelow Plantation, Me. | 1 | Taber |
| | "Confirms Knight." | | | |
| CAPE MAY WARBLER: | July | Mt. Holly, Vt. | 1 male | Philip Thayer |
| | plus 2 imm. Elevation 2100 feet. | | | |
| BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: | July 15 | Greenfield, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| MYRTLE WARBLER: | July | Wells River, Vt. | none | Smith |
| | versus three pairs last year. | | | |
| BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: | July 5 | Caratunk, Me. | 1 female | Eckstorm |
| | " 14 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 2 | MacDavid |
| BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: | July 6 | Bigelow Plantation, Me. | 1 | Taber |
| | "Confirms Knight." | | | |
| BLACKPOLL WARBLER: | July 7 | S. Egremont | nesting | S.W. Bailey |
| | at 1300 feet. "South and low" for this species. | | | |
| | July 7, 10 | Mt. Greylock | female, pair | Eliot, Gregory# |
| | carrying food for young. | | | |
| | July 1 | Mt. Desert, Me. | 1 singing | Dietrich |
| | noted for a few hours only. | | | |
| PINE WARBLER: | July 17 | Winchester, N.H. | 1 | Taber |
| OVENBIRD: | July 1 | Mt. Everett | nest | Wallace, Bailey# |
| | at 2000 ft. elevation. | | | |
| LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: | July 15, 25 | S. Monson, Pittsfield | 1, 1 | Taber, Eliot |
| MOURNING WARBLER: | July 15, 24 | Princeton | 3, 2 | Kraus |
| | parents with full-fledged young. | | | |
| | July 25 | Florida | female & yg. | Kraus |
| BOBOLINK: | July 20 | Wells River, Vt. | first flocks | Smith |
| MEADOWLARK: | Numbers somewhat below par (Reynolds, J. Eaton#). | | | |
| | July 4-7 | Kingfield, Me. | present | Taber |
| | "at edge of forest." | | | |
| RED-WING: | July 26 | Hadley | still feeding young | Eliot |
| BALTIMORE ORIOLE: | Summer | Ossipee, N.H. | nest | Mrs. Pratt |
| | used red, green, & blue twine provided for it. | | | |
| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | July 5 | Dead River Plantation, Me. | 2 flocks | Taber |
| CARDINAL: | July 15 | Sutton | present | Taber |
| ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: | July 14 | Mt. Greylock | male | Bailey & Hendricks |
| | up 3200 feet. | | | |

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| <u>BLUE GROSBEAK:</u> | July 18 | Brunswick, Vt. | 1 male | Ethel P. Johnson# |
| | | very convincingly reported. | | |
| INDIGO BUNTING: | June 15 | Aurora, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| | " 20 | near Caratunk, Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| | July 8 | " Maidstone L., Vt. | 1 | E. P. Johnson |
| | " 1-17 | Barre, Vt. | pair | Mrs. Drew |
| | | coming to feeding station to get food for young. | | |
| | July | Lenox | "obvious increase" | Wallace |
| RED CROSSBILL: | July 29 on | Medomak, Me. | a few | Cruickshank# |
| WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: | July 29 on | Medomak, Me. | more | Audubon Camp |
| SEASIDE SPARROW: | July 17 | Chilmark Pd. | 1 | Mrs. Wakeman |
| JUNCO: | July | at Lenox and Mt. Everett | | Wallace# |

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August was, in general, cool and dry. A severe drop in temperature occurred the night of the 24th, with damaging frosts at various inland points. In northern New England this cool wave lasted several days, and precipitated the chief southward movement of landbirds during the month (August 25-27). Good flocks of migrants were found sporadically distributed, though a general sense of scarcity of birds prevailed.

Having arrived late on their breeding grounds, many birds stayed late to attend to family cares. Numerous instances are reported of nesting activities protracted to the end of the month.

The shorebirds again are an exception. They came south early and enjoyed an unusually good year, particularly the following species: Black-bellied Plover, Hudsonian Curlew, Lesser Yellowlegs, Knot, Stilt Sandpiper, and Hudsonian Godwit.

Southern herons have been relatively scarce.

BULLETIN SUBSCRIBERS whose addresses have changed at this season are urged to inform us of their whereabouts.

It might be of interest to amateur observers in the Boston area to know that a third series of informal classes in the Field Identification of Birds will be held at the Museum this fall. On October 17 and 24, at 8 p.m., we take up the identification of fresh-water ducks, and on November 7 and 14, bay and sea fowl. Admission is 50 cents per lecture, or \$1.50 for the series for non-members of the Museum, \$1.00 for members. Registration is limited and should possibly be made in advance by those interested.

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| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | Aug. 1 | Mt. Desert I., Me. | nest, 2 eggs | Weston & Eckstorm |
| | " 15 | Little Compton, R.I. | first transient | Emerson |
| SOOTY SHEARWATER: | Aug. 25 | off Monomoy | 1 | Bishop & Griscom |
| GREATER SHEARWATER: | early Aug. | off Westport, Chatham | 2, 6 | Peabody |
| | Aug. 16 | Chilmark | 1 | Mrs. Wakeman |
| CORY'S SHEARWATER: | early Aug. | off C. Ann, 35 miles E. | 1 | Byron MacDonald |
| LEACH'S PETREL: | Aug. 22 | off Sagamore | 1 | Hill |
| | | reports "forked tail" and other field marks. | | |
| | Aug. 26 | Machias Seal Rk., Me. | young | Peabody |
| | | one found in burrow (with parent) not yet near flying age. | | |
| WILSON'S PETREL: | early Aug. | N.E. of Provincetown | many | Peabody |
| | | "Enormous numbers" observed from his schooner in passing: | | |
| | | approximately 30 in sight at any time flying about, plus | | |
| | | occasional flocks settled on the water. | | |
| | | Few elsewhere. | | |

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| GANNET: | Aug. 29 | Ipswich, C. Ann | first (early) | Griscom, Nash |
| | " 31 | Monomoy | " " | " |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | July 29 | Ludlow reservoir | 1 | Leshure |
| | Aug. 27 | Gray, Me. | 1 imm. | L. Batchelder |
| | " 15 | Plum Island | 4 flocks passing | Eliot# |
| AMERICAN EGRET: | late Aug. | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 to 5 | Saunders |
| | Aug. 3, 10 | New London, Portland, Conn. | 5, 2 | Poor, MacDavid# |
| | " 19 on | Tiverton, R. I. | 7 | Bowen# |
| | " 19-30 | Little Compton, R. I. | 8 | Emerson & Drury |
| | " | Berkshire Co. | only 2 reports | Hendricks |
| | July 30-Aug. 23 | Northampton | 1 | Pease, Riedel# |
| | Aug. 13, 17 | Agawam, Chilmark | 1, 2 | Sherwood, Wakeman |
| | " 5, 8 on | Lynn, Ipswich | 1, 2 | Nash, Griscom# |
| | " 6 on | Marshfield | 13 | Hagar |
| SNOWY EGRET: | Aug. 22 | Tiverton, R. I. | 1 | Bowen |
| | Yellow feet well seen in 36X telescope. | | | |
| LITTLE BLUE HERON: | Aug. 19 on | Tiverton, R. I. | 6 | Bowen, Cook# |
| | " 30 | Little Compton, R. I. | 5 | Drury |
| | throughout | Marshfield | 7 | Hagar# |
| | Aug. 9-25 at Concord (2), Petersham (2), Rowley (2), and Chatham; and at S. Egremont, throughout. | | | |
| YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | August | Marshfield | 3 | Hagar |
| AMERICAN BITTERN: | Aug. 7 | near Bernardston | 1 | Eliot |
| | "flying high northward over the Conn. R., as in pseudo-migration" | | | |
| LEAST BITTERN: | Aug. 8 | Manchester, Conn. | 1 | Holcomb & Stiles |
| | " 10 | Concord | 1 imm. | Mrs. V. G. Armstrong |
| BRANT: | Aug. 27 | Manomet | 1 well observed | Mr. & Mrs. Ernst |
| | Eckstorm reports that the <u>eel grass</u> appears to be coming back near St. John, N. B. | | | |
| BALDPATE: | Aug. 27 | Middletown, R. I. | first | Drury |
| | " 29 | W. Newbury | 5 (early) | Griscom# |
| PINTAIL: | Aug. 22 | Little Compton, R. I. | 2 | Emerson |
| | " 29 | Pittsfield, Ipswich | 1, 3 | Hendricks, Griscom |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | Aug. 21 | Essex County | 5 | Griscom |
| | " 25, 29 | Monomoy, Chilmark | 2, 1 | Bishop#, Wakeman |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | Aug. 3 | Little Compton, R. I. | 6 supposed transients | Emerson |
| | " 22 | " " " | 150 | Bowen |
| | " 14, 20 | Hatfield, Chilmark | transients | Riedel, Wakeman |
| | " 29 | Pittsfield, Essex Co. | flock, 230 | Hendricks, Nash |
| RING-BILLED DUCK: | July 24 & 29 | Ludlow reservoir | 1 | Leshure |
| | male in eclipse plumage. | | | |
| | Aug. 4 | Rockport | 1 female | F. Smith |
| LESSER SCAUP: | Aug. 1 | Middletown, R. I. | 2 | Drury |
| | " 15 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| AMERICAN EIDER: | Aug. 10 | Penobscot Bay, Me. | few left | Weston |
| SCOTERS: | Aug. 25 | Monomoy | arrived | Griscom & Bishop |
| | seen coming in from the north; a few, all 3 species. | | | |
| RUDDY DUCK: | Aug. 4 on | Monomoy | 1 female | Griscom |
| HOODED Merganser: | Aug. 29, 31 | W. Newbury | 1 | Griscom, Crain# |
| RED-BREASTED Merganser: | Aug. 30 | Fairfield, Conn. | 3 | Saunders |
| TURKEY VULTURE: | Aug. 1 | Harwich | 1 | J. Eaton |
| | " 12 | Orleans | 1 | Allen & Henderson |
| | " 4 | Pelham | 1 | Mrs. M. M. Nice |
| | " 10 | Squam Lake, N. H. | 1 | K. W. Burke |
| | " 19 | near Jacksonville, Vt. | 1 | Eliot |

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| GOSHAWK: | August | Phillipston | 1 shot | rep. to Allison |
| | | reputed to have killed 25 chickens previously. | | |
| | Aug. 23 | Pleasant Mt., Wash.Co., Me. | 1 adult | Eckstorm |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | Aug. 20, 25 | Northampton, Chatham | transients | Eliot, Griscom |
| | " 21 | Little Compton, R.I. | 2 " | Emerson |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | Aug. 25, 30 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1, 1 | Emerson |
| | | Not many transients reported as yet. | | |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK: | Aug. 20 | Northampton | first transient | Eliot |
| BALD EAGLE: | August | noted at: Wells River, Barnet, & Putney, Vt.; Gilmanton, N.H.; Wachusett reservoir, Mass.; S. Windsor and Portland, Conn. | | |
| MARSH HAWK: | Aug. 17 | Dublin, N.H. | 1 | Wellman |
| | " 27 | Northampton | transient | Eliot |
| DUCK HAWK: | Aug. 8 | Manchester, Conn. | 1 | Holcomb & Stiles |
| | | Transients noted from Aug. 19 on (F.Hagar#). | | |
| PIGEON HAWK: | Aug. 25 | Monomoy | 1 | Griscom |
| SPARROW HAWK: | Aug. 19 on | Township 30, Wash.Co., Me. | 4 to 10 | Eckstorm |
| | " 29 | " 36 " " " | 20 | " |
| SPRUCE GROUSE: | Aug. 21 | Townships 31 & 37, Wash.Co., Me. | several | Eckstorm |
| BOB-WHITE: | Aug. 17 | Northampton | still singing | Eliot & Kraus |
| VIRGINIA RAIL: | Aug. 2 | Great Barrington | nest, 2 chicks | E. Varney |
| SORA: | Aug. 17 | Northampton | first transient | Eliot & Kraus |
| PIPING PLOVER: | Aug. 14, 18, 24 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 each day | Saunders |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | Aug. 1 | Mt. Desert I., Me. | 12 | Weston & Eckstorm |
| | " 10 | Northampton, Hadley | 4, 1 | Eliot |
| | " 10 | Ipswich beach | 1000 est. | K. Elkins |
| | " 12-24 | Nauset | 500 | Griscom |
| | " 25 | Monomoy | 500 (peak) | " |
| KILLDEER: | Aug. 1 | Hyannisport | 1 | J. Eaton |
| | | August flocks of 30-40 noted at Middletown, R.I., Northampton, Agawan, and near Pittsfield, Mass. | | |
| GOLDEN PLOVER: | Aug. 18 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | " 25, 28 | Newburyport | 1, 2 | Griscom, S. Harris |
| | " 28-30 | Middletown, R.I. | 10 | Drury |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | Aug. 10-29 | Essex County | 290-1500 | K. Elkins, Griscom |
| | " 3-24 | Nauset | 110-1700 | Griscom |
| | " 4-31 | Monomoy | 15 - 175 | " |
| | | (The dashes indicate a progressive increase between the dates shown.) | | |
| | | 50 at Westport (A. Cook) and other small numbers coastwise. | | |
| | Aug. 19 | Madison, Conn. | 2 | Holcomb & Meigs |
| RUDDY TURNSTONE: | Aug. 11 | Ipswich | 30 | Cottrells |
| | " 12 | Nauset | 200 (peak) | Griscom |
| | " 10-17 | Monomoy | 200 " | " |
| WOODCOCK: | August | Naushon I. | present | H. S. Forbes |
| | | "abundant here all summer." | | |
| WILSON'S SNIBE: | Aug. 24 | Spencer, Rowley | 1, 1 | Kraus#, Nash |
| HUDSONIAN CURLEW: | Aug. 13 | Lubec, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | " 7 | Plymouth | 5 | Dr. Janvrin |
| | " 12-17 | Nauset | 3-2 | Griscom# |
| | " 4-31 | Monomoy | 55-2 | " |
| | | One or two birds at Ipswich throughout, and at Little Compton and Middletown, R.I., and Annisquam the last week in the month. | | |

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| UPLAND PLOVER: | Aug. 4 | Agawam | 11 | Winslow |
| | " 21 | Hammonasset, Conn. | 1 | Holcomb |
| | " 12-30, 28 | Middletown, R.I. | 3, 10 | Drury |
| | " 9 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1 | Emerson |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | Aug. 15, 17 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| WESTERN WILLET: | Aug. 11-29 | Essex County | 1-10 | Cottrells, Griscom# |
| | " 7 | Plymouth | 3 | Janvrin |
| | " 3-24 | Nauset | 1-10 | Griscom |
| | " 5-17-31 | Monomoy | 1-5-3 | Howe, Griscom# |
| | " 6-8 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1 | Williston, Emerson |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | Aug. 18 | Hinsdale, N.H. | 1 | Broun |
| | " 21 | Essex County | 75 | Griscom |
| | " 3-24 | Nauset | 50-200 | " |
| | " 4-25 | Monomoy | 30-50 | " |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | Aug. 7 | Brewer, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| | " | Conn. Val. | only 4 | Eliot# |
| | " 8-29 | Essex County | 300-50 | Griscom |
| | " 3-17 | Nauset | 150-20 | " |
| | " 4-25, 31 | Monomoy | 10-1, 6 | " |
| KNOT: | Aug. 21-29 | Essex County | 1-150 | Griscom |
| | " 3-24 | Nauset | 1100-500 | " |
| | " 4-17-31 | Monomoy | 150-0-4 | " |
| | " 29 | Little Compton, R.I. | 4 | Emerson |
| | " 19 | Madison, Conn. | 60 | Meigs & Holcomb |
| PURPLE SANDPIPER: | Aug. 21 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders and |
| | on Pennfield Reef, with Turnstones & Sanderlings. | | | Jos. Brauner |
| | Extraordinary date. | | | |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER: | Aug. 13, 30 | Middletown, R.I. | 11, 3 | Drury |
| | August: 1 to 5 noted at Spencer, Framingham, Newburyport, Nauset, and Monomoy, Mass., and Fairfield, Conn. | | | |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | Aug. 15-21-29 | Essex Co. | "a few"-5-50 | Eliot#, Griscom |
| | Aug. 12-24-31 | Nauset | 1-9-35 | Griscom, Hill# |
| | " 4-25-31 | Monomoy | 1-3-9 | " |
| | The numbers of this species build up with curious abruptness to a peak about Sept. 1. | | | |
| BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: | Aug. 1 | Chilmark | 1 | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | " 12 | Plum Island | 1 | Allen & Henderson |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | Aug. 8-29 | Essex County | 50-1 | Griscom |
| | " 24, 25 | Nauset, Monomoy | 50, 25 | " |
| <u>CURLEW SANDPIPER:</u> | Aug. 4 | Monomoy | 1 adult | Griscom |
| | collected; apparently the first New England specimen in 51 years. On display at the Museum. | | | |
| EASTERN DOWITCHER: | Aug. 8-29 | Essex County | 500-20 | Griscom |
| | " 3-17, 24 | Nauset | 300, 75 | " |
| | " 4-31 | Monomoy | 800-15 | " |
| LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: | Aug. 21, 25 | Essex Co., Monomoy | 2, 2 | Griscom |
| | Aug. 31 | Nauset | 2 | Hill & Drury |
| STILT SANDPIPER: | Aug. 4-17-25-31 | Monomoy | 1-10-4-8 | Griscom |
| | " 13, 21 | Essex Co. | 1, 2 | Hill# |
| | " 12 | Chilmark | 1 | Wakeman |
| | " 24, 29 | Middletown, etc., R.I. | 4, 2 | Drury, Emerson |
| | " 16 | Westbrook, Conn. | 1 | Meigs |

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| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | Aug. 1 | Mt. Desert, I., Me. | 6 | Weston & Eckstorm |
| | Aug. 10 | Spencer, Northampton | 300, first 4 | Ekblaw, Eliot |
| | " 21 | Essex County | 1000 | Griscom |
| | " 3-24 | Nauset | 2000-5000 | " # |
| | " 4-31 | Monomoy | 1000-100 | " |
| | (Note late season increase in <u>numbers</u> at Nauset, in relation to Monomoy.) | | | |
| WESTERN SANDPIPER: | Aug. 21, 29 | Essex County | 3, 1 | Griscom |
| | " 9, 24 | Nauset | 2, 1 | Bergstrom #, Griscom |
| | " 29 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1 | Emerson |
| MARBLED GODWIT: | Aug. 4-17 | Nauset | 1 | Mrs. Howe, Griscom |
| | " 10-17-25 | Monomoy | 1-1-2 | Griscom |
| | " 12 | Saquisish | 1 | Francis Marsh |
| | " 28 | Newburyport | 1 | S. Harris |
| HUDSONIAN GODWIT: | CORRECTION: on July 27, 9 seen by Smith & Harris were at Newburyport, not Ipswich as previously shown (p. 52). | | | |
| | Aug. 21 | Newburyport | 1 | Griscom |
| | " 23 | Acoaxet | 12 | Mrs. Williston |
| | " 31 | off Scituate | 1 flying south | Bowen |
| SANDERLING: | Aug. 29 | Essex County | 200 | Griscom |
| | throughout | Nauset, Monomoy | several 100 | " # |
| | Aug. 19 | Madison, Conn. | 7 | Holcomb & Meigs |
| WILSON'S PHALAROPE: | Aug. 4 | Monomoy | 1 | Griscom |
| | in the Point Pond, with the Curlew Sandpiper. | | | |
| NORTHERN PHALAROPE: | Aug. 12 | Frier Roads, Me. | 500 | Weston |
| | early Aug. | off Portland Lightship | 2 flocks | Peabody |
| | Aug. 11 | off Swampscott | about 20 | Miss D. Woodberry |
| | " 15 | Chilmark | 1 | Mrs. Wakenan |
| | " 25 | off Annisquam, Monomoy | 20, 1 | Nash, Griscom |
| PARASITIC JAEGER: | Good flight: 1 or 2 birds to be seen from Monomoy by the diligent watcher almost any day throughout. | | | |
| | Aug. 29 | Ipswich | 1 | K. Tousey |
| | " 17, 29 | Middletown, etc., R.I. | 2, 2 | Drury, Emerson |
| | " 18 | mouth of Sakonnet R., R.I. | 11 | Bowen |
| POMARINE JAEGER: | Aug. 25 | Plum Island | 1 dark | Jas. Peabody |
| | " 4, 17, 31 | Monomoy | 1, 2, 4 | Griscom, Kellogg # |
| | " 18 | mouth of Sakonnet R., R.I. | 1 | Bowen |
| LONG-TAILED JAEGER: | Aug. 31 | Monomoy | 3 | Griscom, F. Smith # |
| ICELAND GULL: | Aug. 7 | Plymouth beach | 1 | Janvrin |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | Aug. 31 | Monomoy | 85 peak | Griscom |
| | " 19 | Westbrook, Conn. | 2 | Holcomb & Meigs |
| LAUGHING GULL: | Aug. 4 | Monomoy | 300 adults peak | Griscom |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | Aug. 12 | Frier Roads, Me. | 200 | Weston |
| | " 12, 24 | Lynn, Chilmark | 16, 1 | Nash, Wakenan |
| | " 14, 18 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1, 2 | Saunders |
| KITTIWAKE: | Aug. 12 | Frier Roads, Me. | 10 | Weston |
| FORSTER'S TERN: | Aug. 4 | Monomoy | 1 imm. | Griscom |
| | " 31 | Nauset | 1 " | Hill & Drury |
| COMMON TERN: | Aug. 4 | Monomoy | 5000 peak (low) | Griscom |
| | " 14-31 | Fairfield, Conn. | "very abundant" | Saunders |
| ARCTIC TERN: | Aug. 4 | Chilmark | feeding young | Wakenan |
| | " | Machias Seal Rk., Me. | colony | lightkeeper to |
| | "best breeding season ever." | | | |
| | | | | Peabody |

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| ROSEATE TERN: | Aug. 4 | Monomoy | 3000 peak (low) | Griscom |
| | " 14-31 | Fairfield, Conn. | "very abundant" | Saunders |
| | " 19 | Westbrook " | 20 | Holcomb & Meigs |
| SOOTY TERN (?): | Aug. 3 | off Provincetown | 1 adult | V. Armstrong# |
| CASPIAN TERN: | Aug. 22 | off Sagamore | 1 imm. | Hill |
| BLACK TERN: | Aug. 13 | Concord | 1 | Harris, F. Smith# |
| | " 4-31 | Only 1 or 2 | anywhere; | Annisquam, Sagamore, |
| | | E. Orleans, Monomoy, and Chilmark, | | |
| RAZOR-BILLED AUK: | August | Machias Seal Rk., Me. | 75 pairs (normal) | lightkeeper |
| | " 12 | off Cross I., Me. | 1 | Weston |
| BLACK GUILLEMOT: | Aug. 10 | E. Maine shore | common | Weston |
| PUFFIN: | August | Machias Seal Rk., Me. | 700 pairs | lightkeeper |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: | Aug. 9 | Holden, Me. | first & only | Eckstorm |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | Aug. 19 | Moultonboro, N.H. | 1 broad daylight | S. Robbins |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | August | noted at Sagamore and Monomoy. | | |
| WHIP-POOR-WILL: | Aug. 21 | Ossipee, N.H. | last singing | Pratt |
| NIGHT HAWK: | Transients from Aug. 15 on | (Eckstorm, Peters#). | | |
| | Aug. 31 | over Pittsfield | 300 | rep. to Hendricks |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT: | Marked migration from August 21 on | (Eliot, Griscom). | | |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | Aug. 10 | Winchendon, N.H. | 1 | Broun |
| | | said to have been there "since June." | | |
| | Aug. 11-25 | Richmond, N.H. | 2 imm. daily | Mrs. Allison |
| | | reputed to have "nested there for years." | | |
| WOODPECKERS: | Summer | E. Maine | scarce | Eckstorm |
| EASTERN KINGBIRD: | Aug. 4, 25 | Chatham region | 75, 75 | Griscom & Bishop |
| ARKANSAS KINGBIRD: | Aug. 23 | Barrington, R.I. | 1 | Gibbs |
| | | in same tree where one occurred last Fall. | | |
| YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: | Aug. 25 | Monomoy | 1 | Bishop & Griscom |
| ALDER FLYCATCHER: | Aug. 9 | Pelham | nest, yg. 3 days old | Mrs. Nice |
| WOOD PEWEE: | Aug. 17 | Brewer, Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| | " 23 | Pleasant Mt., Wash. Co., Me. | 1 | " |
| OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: | Aug. 26 | Winchester | 1 | Miss Snow |
| | Aug. 25 | Hartford, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid |
| TREE SWALLOW: | Aug. 8, 21 | Essex County | 14, flock of 500 | Griscom |
| | | where normally thousands are found. | | |
| | Aug. 25 | Monomoy | first 2 (with Barns) | " |
| | " | Westport | 12 with 300 Barns | Clement |
| | " 13, 24 | Middletown, R.I. | 125, 150 | Drury |
| BANK SWALLOW: | Aug. 8, 21 | Ipswich | 1, 1 | Griscom |
| ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: | Aug. 2 | Spencer | 3 | Kraus |
| BARN SWALLOW: | Aug. 1-31 | Orford, N.H. | 10000 est. | McAlister & Ricard |
| | | feed and roost by Lower Baker Pond, | | |
| CLIFF SWALLOW: | Aug. 30 | Williamsburg | last young left | Graves |
| PURPLE MARTIN: | Aug. 18 | Hammonasset, Conn. | 12 | Holcomb |
| | " 28 | Westport | 1 female | Clement |
| RAVEN: | Aug. 20-26 | Isle au Haut, Me. | 5 or 6 | Bradford's# |
| | " 27 | Township 36, Wash. Co., Me. | 2 | Eckstorm |
| BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE: | Aug. 23, 26 | Townships 29, 30, Wash. Co., Me. | 10-15 | Eckstorm |
| | | These birds gave evidence of being in migration. | | |
| ACADIAN CHICKADEE: | Reported from North & Vinal Haven, etc., Me., and from Carter's Dome (4000 ft.) and Mt. Lafayette, N.H. | | | |
| TUFTED TITMOUSE: | July 16-18 | Uxbridge | 1 | Dr. & Mrs. M. R. Sharpe |
| | | heard and well seen. | | |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Aug. 26 | Tug Mt., Wash. Co., Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Aug. 20 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | | and none since. His earliest date locally. | | |

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| BROWN CREEPER: | Aug. 26 | Tug Mt., Wash. Co., Me. | 2 | Eckstorm |
| | " 29 | Gray, Me. | 5 plus | L. Batchelder |
| CAROLINA WREN: | Aug. 3 | Hancock, N. H. | 1 | W. Perkins |
| | " 21 | Ossipee, N. H. | 1 | E. A. Preble |
| | " 14-31 | Fairfield, Conn. | singing throughout | Saunders |
| SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: | Aug. 14, 21 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 singing | Saunders |
| | His first local record in many years. | | | |
| | 1 to 3 reported from Agawam & Belmont, Mass., and from | | | |
| | Middletown and Little Compton, R. I. | | | |
| VEERY: | Aug. 10-11 | Wells River, Vt. | first | Smith |
| | heard passing at night, on migration. | | | |
| | Aug. 25-28 | Northampton | transients noted | Eliot |
| BLUEBIRD: | Aug. 25 | Storrs, Conn. | flock of 25 | Belden |
| BLUE-GREY GNATCATCHER: | Aug. 24 | Plymouth | 1 | Richard Mason |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE: | Aug. 21 | Madison, Fairfield, Conn. | 1, 1 | Holcomb, Saunders |
| | " 25 | Sagamore, Monomoy | 1, 1 | Hill, Bishop# |
| | The Sagamore bird was 2 days later than last year but on the | | | |
| | same fence post in a marsh. | | | |
| | Aug. 29 | Rowley | 1 | Griscom# |
| YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: | Aug. 25 | Nantucket | 1 | Mrs. A. F. Shurrocks |
| | Seen at "two feet" and heard. Apparently first local record. | | | |
| PHILADELPHIA VIREO: | Aug. 27 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| | earliest OK record in Connecticut Valley. | | | |
| GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: | Aug. 17, 26 | Northampton, Belmont | 1, 1 (late) | Eliot, Jones# |
| | Aug. 26 | Warren, R. I. | 2 | Bowen |
| | " 25 | W. Hartford, Conn. | 1 | Bergstrom |
| | The above single birds were all males. Late. | | | |
| BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: | Aug. 2, 25 | Northampton | 1, 1 | Eliot |
| | " 27 | Warren, R. I. | 1 | Bowen |
| | " 25, 31 | Hartford, Conn. | 1, 1 | Liebe# |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER: | Aug. 18, 27 | Edgartown, Bedford | 1, 8 | Worden, Clemensson |
| PARULA WARBLER: | Aug. 25 | Belmont | 1 early | S. Robbins |
| MAGNOLIA WARBLER: | Aug. 24 | Northampton | first transient | Eliot |
| | " 25 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| CAPE MAY WARBLER: | Aug. 21 | Princeton | 1 | Kraus |
| YELLOW PALM WARBLER: | Aug. 27 | Township 26, Wash. Co., Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: | Aug. 11 | Monomoy | early transient | Griscom |
| LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH: | Aug. 8 | Northampton | 1 late | Eliot |
| MOURNING WARBLER: | Aug. 25 | Monomoy | 2 | Griscom & Bishop |
| YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: | Aug. 16 | Fairfield, Conn. | last | Saunders |
| HOODED WARBLER: | Aug. 8 | Northampton | 1 well seen | Eliot |
| WILSON'S WARBLER: | Aug. 26 | Warren, R. I. | 1 | Bowen |
| CANADA WARBLER: | Aug. 17 | Northampton | first transient | Eliot |
| BOBOLINK: | Aug. 10 | Williamsburg | 200 | Graves |
| | " 20-31 | Canaan, N. H. | 30-200 | McAlister & Ricard |
| | the peak, August 27. | | | |
| CARDINAL: | Still present at Sutton, Mass. | | | |
| BLUE GROSBEAK: | Aug. 16-18 | Bedford | 1 male | Clemensson |
| | " 9-12 | W. Becket | pair | Ruth I. Derby |
| | observed "from a distance of but 25 feet." The song suggested | | | |
| | an Indigo Bunting's but was noticeably different. | | | |
| DICKCISSEL: | about Aug. 22 | N. Eastham | 1 | rep. to Hagar |
| PURPLE FINCH: | Aug. 25 on | Conn. Val. | a few transients | Eliot |
| RED CROSSBILL: | Aug. 28 | Vinal Haven, Me. | some | F. Allen |
| WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: | Aug. 16 on | N. Haven, etc., Me. | numerous | Allen, Cottrells# |
| | enjoying heavy cone crop. In song. Lawson | | | |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW: | July 25 | Ashfield | present at 1500 feet | Eliot & Kraus |
| LARK SPARROW: | Aug. 28 | N. Eastham | 1 | rep. to Hagar |



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This September produced real birding for the field observer. Warblers, Vireos, etc., appeared in abundance at numerous localities. The shorebirds had an excellent flight. Rarities of various degrees put in an appearance (as so often happens at this season) and added considerably to the pleasure of enthusiasts afield. Only in northern and eastern New England did birds seem unduly scarce.

Two heavy storms of tropical origin, heralded in advance as "hurricanes", missed our shores by narrow margins, on September first and 16th. As they passed southeastward of Nantucket Island, high winds and driving rain lashed Cape Cod and nearby shores. Few Southern species were reported after these gales, but the variety of shorebirds to be observed the following days, at favored coastal points, was remarkable. Twenty-six kinds of shorebirds were noted in the Chatham-Eastham region over the Labor Day weekend, and 25 in Essex County on September 5th. Waves of landbird migrants were reported as follows: September 1-2 at Ossipee, N.H. (Mrs. Pratt), Sept. 5 in Essex County (104 species for the day, Griscom and others), Sept. 13-15 in Lincoln (Blakes) and 16-17 at Monomoy (Griscom).

The fresh water DUCK flight was not impressive, except for Pintails, which were exceptionally numerous.

HAWKS made a relatively poor showing, except the coastal migrants: Pigeon, Duck, and Marsh. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins watched the Broad-wing flight at Mt. Tom from September 15th to the 23rd, and found the migration in general more than a third below last year's figures. They had one good day, September 20th, when 1300 birds passed Goat Peak tower.

SHOREBIRDS made a good showing, as previously noted, both in numbers and variety. The Golden Plover and Hudsonian Godwit deserve special mention. Not only the number of birds seen but the number of days they were present was remarkable. Moreover, their occurrence did not, in all cases, coincide with violent coastal storms, as "theoretically" it should, but seemed perhaps to be more affected by feeding conditions available. In commenting on this, Mr. Griscom suggests that the familiar theory of the two species habitually migrating at sea from Nova Scotia (or thereabouts) to South America, may be due for revision. It is known that at least some individuals of Golden Plover migrate south in the fall regularly through the interior of the country. If good weather records from New England accumulate, it may develop that a larger percentage of Golden Plover and Hudsonian Godwits than heretofore supposed are going south over land or in sight of it.

SMALL LANDBIRDS received the most careful scrutiny in Belmont. C. S. Robbins and others, upon finding the best fall flight in their experience afoot, took occasion to make observations daily, in the same area, from September 3rd through the 17th. During the best five-day stretch, they saw 23 species of Warblers, which is no mean achievement in the fall. We quote Mr. Robbins's peak dates, therefore, as indicative at least of the sequence in which our Warblers passed southward this season.

In the way of rarities outstanding finds were these: LOUISIANA HERON (first New England record), GOLDEN EAGLE, BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (4 individuals), SKUA, SOOTY TERN, examples of the NEWFOUNDLAND and ALASKA races of the YELLOW WARBLER (first Massachusetts and New England records, respectively), and CLAY-COLORED SPARROW.

The American Ornithologists' Union held its Annual Meeting in Boston and Cambridge during the week of September 9th. Members who came from afar seemed pleased with the occasion and were most gracious in their expressions of satisfaction. For the local people the opportunity to hear and meet so many eminent visitors was a memorable event. There were field trips September 13, 14, and 15. Though migrants were scarce, excursions which added such field luminaries as Peterson and Cruickshank to already substantial parties could hardly fail to find some birds!

I take this opportunity to recommend, as a great autumn event in the New England bird world, the seasonal gathering of Scoters and other seafoal off Monomoy Point. The Scoters have been flying well and are feeding not too far off shore at the present time. The uncountable numbers of these birds rafted on a tossing, wintry sea, or rising in clouds to shift from one feeding ground to another, afford a spectacle rarely surpassed along our shores.

D. L. G.

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| RED-THROATED LOON: | Sept. 16 | off Cohasset | first 5 | W.B.Long, Jr. |
| HORNED GREBE: | Sept. 22 | Pittsfield | 4 on Onota L. | Clarke |
| GREATER SHEARWATER: | Sept. 8 | off Chatham | 8 | Griscom, Curtis# |
| CORY'S SHEARWATER: | Sept. 21 | off C. Ann | 10 | Mr. & Mrs. Peabody |
| | " 2,8 | " Monomoy | 14,2 | Griscom, Kelloggs# |
| | " 15,29 | " " | 8,3 | A.O.U., Griscom# |
| | " 13 | Vineyard Sound | 5 | Hornblower |
| | " 8,28 | off southeastern R.I. | 3,6 | Peterson#, Clement |
| (Strong SSE winds were blowing on-shore both these days.) | | | | |
| EUROPEAN COROMORANT: | Sept. 7 | Ipswich | 1 imm. | J.M. Speirs, Robbins# |
| | " 28 | Scituate | 1 " | Henderson & Allen |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | all month | Squibnocket, M.V. | 60 | Hornblower |
| These birds lived high on herring locked in the pond by a blocking of the outlet. | | | | |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | Good flight. | | | |
| AMERICAN EGRET: | Sept. 3 | Wells, Me. | 1 | Riedel |
| | " 15-29 | Marshfield | flock of 12 - 1 | Gleason, F. Hagar# |
| | " 3-29 | Tiverton, R.I. | 10-7 | Clement |
| | all month | Quonochontaug, R.I. | 5 or 6 | " |
| Also single birds at Ipswich, Norton, Northampton, Squibnocket and Westport, Mass., Little Compton, R.I., Middletown and Norwalk, Conn. | | | | |
| LOUISIANA HERON: | Sept. 7 | Ipswich | 1 | F. Allen, R. & L. Batchelder |
| First record of the species north of Long Island. | | | | |
| Seen again on Sept. 8 by Emilio #, and Sept. 14 by Taber. | | | | |
| LITTLE BLUE HERON: | Sept. 2-3 | Tiverton, R.I. | 5 imm. | Clement |
| | " 11 | Marshfield | 3 adult, 3 imm. | Gleasons |
| | " 15,29 | " | 5,1 imm's | Gleason, Slade# |
| GREEN HERON: | Sept. 29 | Pittsfield | 2 or 3 still | Hendricks & Wallace |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | Sept. 4 | Harrington, Me. | 4 | Weston |
| YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | Sept. 1 | Nauset | adult & imm. | J. Eaton |
| | Sept. 6 | Ipswich | 2 imm. | V.G. & V. Armstrong |
| | " 9 | Marshfield | 1 adult | Eliot, S. Harris# |
| AMERICAN BITTERN: | Sept. 14 | Squibnocket | 5 plus | Hornblower |
| One was seen with a sparrow in its beak "dunking the sparrow" evidently in preparation for feeding on it. | | | | |
| LEAST BITTERN: | Sept. 4 | Newburyport harbor | 1 | Eliot & Hawthaway |
| "flushed from thatch near Joppa at very high tide." | | | | |

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| CANADA GOOSE: | Sept. 19 | Dedham | 36 | Nash |
| | " 25 | Wellfleet | flock | rep.to J.Eaton |
| BRANT: | CORRECTION: The eel grass reported by Eckstorm as making a comeback is in the Baie Verte, near Tidnish, Nova Scotia, not near St.John,N.B., as erroneously stated on page 57. | | | |
| | Sept. 7 | Chilmark | several | Mrs.Wakeman |
| MALLARD: | Sept. 13 | Petit Manan Pt.,Me. | 4 | Weston |
| | throughout | Northampton | up to 7 | Combs# |
| | Prof. Eliot always specifies that the Mallards he reports from the Connecticut Valley are <u>bona fide</u> wild birds. Doubtless some and possibly all are transient stragglers from pure breeding stock in the West. The Compiler, however, is "from Missouri" on any Mallard records in these parts. Too many barnyard ducks are at large about our city parks, together with intergrades between these escapes and wilder fowl. | | | |
| BLACK DUCK: | Sept. 2 | Kensington,Conn. | 300 | Schmidt |
| | " | southeastern R.I. | fewer than 300 | Clement |
| | in 5 marshes in 4 towns. He finds a decrease from last year but not an alarming one. | | | |
| EUROPEAN WIDGEON; | about Sept. 9 | Squibnocket | 2 drakes | E.B.Long |
| BALDPATE: | Sept. 4-18 | Middletown,R.I. | 6-180 | Drury |
| | Highest counts, about the same time, Squibnocket (60), Acoaxet (20), and W.Newbury (35). A few at other usual places. | | | |
| PINTAIL: | Sept. 26 | W. Newbury | 120 | Griscom & Kellogg |
| | Reports of 2 to 15 birds from many other points in southern New England. | | | |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | Sept. 13 | Petit Manan Pt.,Me. | 3 | Weston |
| | " 2-22 | Concord | 100-150 | Cottrell |
| | " 13 | W.Newbury | 50 | A.O.U. field trip |
| | " 16 | off Cohasset | 3 | Long |
| | flying south offshore with Scoters. | | | |
| | Sept. 21 | Middletown,R.I. | 290 | Drury |
| | Peak. Thirty more than last year's local best. | | | |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | Sept. 8 | Wells River,Vt. | 10 | Smith |
| | " 13 | Petit Manan Pt.,Me. | 12 | Weston |
| | " 2-22 | Concord | 100-150 | Cottrell |
| | " 13 | W.Newbury | 50 | A.O.U. |
| | " 9 | Pawtucket,R.I. | 130 peak | S.Rebeck |
| | Reports of 1 to 40 from various other localities | | | |
| SHOVELER: | Sept. 17 | Squibnocket | 1 imm. drake | Hornblower |
| | " 22 | Northampton | 3 | Eliot & Kraus |
| WOOD DUCK: | Sept. 15 | Orrington,Me. | 4 | Weston |
| | " 13-20 | Washington Co.,Me. | 7 | Eckstorm |
| | " | Gay Head | 1 (where rare) | Hornblower,Sr.# |
| | Reported numbers seem below par throughout. | | | |
| | September | Pittsfield | flock of 50-75 | Hendricks |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | Sept. 20 | Eddington,Me. | 3 | Weston |
| | " 22 | Pittsfield | 1 | Mrs.Rinsma |
| | " 23 | Lakeville | 6 | Stackpole |
| | Three males, three females already at Little Quitticas Pd. | | | |
| GREATER SCAUP: | Sept.25-29 | Newburyport | 15-133 | S.Cobb,Hill |
| | " 29 | Mt.Hope Bay,R.I. | 200 | Clement |
| | " 29 | single birds at Acoaxet,Scituate, and off Duxbury. | | |
| LESSER SCAUP: | Sept. 2 | Ludlow | C.V. first | Eliot & Kraus |
| | " 11,14,20 | southeastern R.I. | 2,5,9 | Kraus |

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| AMERICAN EIDER: | Sept. 16,23 | off Cohasset | 7,3 | Long |
| | migrating south with Scoters. Early. | | | |
| SURF SCOTER: | Sept. 28 | off Monomoy | 1000 | Griscom, Bishop# |
| AMERICAN SCOTER: | Sept. 28 | off Monomoy | 300 | Parkers, Griscom# |
| | " 14 | Barnstable | 10 | J. Eaton |
| | on a fresh water pond. | | | |
| RUDDY DUCK: | September | Squibnocket | 5 on and off | Hornblower |
| | An "adult male" on the 14th. | | | |
| | Sept. 26 | Westport R. | 5 | Miss Cook |
| | " 16 | Portsmouth, R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | Sept. 4,22 | Ipswich, Springfield | 2,2 | Griscom, Eliot |
| RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: | Sept. 13 | Petit Manan Pt., Me. | 10 | Weston |
| | Sept. 28 | Tiverton, R.I. | 5 | Clement |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | Sept. 13 | Petit Manan Pt., Me. | 2 | Weston |
| | " 15-23 | Mt. Tom | 162 | H. & F. Elkins |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | Sept. 13 | Petit Manan Pt., Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | " 15-23 | Mt. Tom | 6 | Elkinses |
| | No flight of <u>Accipiters</u> through Rhode Island, comparable to last year's, is reported. | | | |
| RED-TAILED HAWK: | Sept. 15-23 | Mt. Tom | 3 | Elkinses |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | Sept. 15-23 | Mt. Tom | 5 | Elkinses |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK: | Sept. 15-23 | Mt. Tom | 1628 | Elkinses |
| | Of this total, 1246 were seen September 20th. | | | |
| <u>GOLDEN EAGLE:</u> | Sept. 24 | near Hanover, N.H. | 1 | C. Reynolds |
| | Records from Gilmanton, N.H., Sept. 18 (J.M. Abbott) and C. Porpoise, Me., Sept. 22 (R.N. Lake) seem short of positive but worthy of mention. | | | |
| BALD EAGLE: | Sept. 15-23 | Mt. Tom | 3 | Elkinses |
| | One or two in September at Sullivan, Me., Gilmanton, N.H., Plymouth, Mass., and S. Windsor, Conn. | | | |
| MARSH HAWK: | Sept. 15-23 | Mt. Tom | 16 | Elkinses |
| | " 4 | Harrington, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| | Numerous migrants alongshore late in the month. | | | |
| OSPREY: | Sept. 15-23 | Mt. Tom | 41 | Elkinses |
| DUCK HAWK: | Sept. 15-23 | Mt. Tom | 8 | Elkinses |
| | Good coastal flight, especially the end of the month. | | | |
| | Sept. 29 on | Plum I. | 1 melano | Hill# |
| | This blackish individual was light enough below to look streaked when seen in good light, and was still lighter on the throat and face, thereby showing his "moustache marks". | | | |
| PIGEON HAWK: | Sept. 6 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| | " 15-23 | Mt. Tom | 1 | Elkinses |
| | Good coastal flight plus several inland records. | | | |
| SPARROW HAWK: | Sept. 15-23 | Mt. Tom | 32 | Elkinses |
| RUFFED GROUSE: | September | near Brewer, Me. | "very few" | Weston |
| | " 13 | Belmont | 2 | S. Robbins |
| BOB-WHITE: | Sept. 13 | W. Newbury | pair | A.O.U. trip |
| | The party afield included, by chance, Mr. Herbert L. Stoddard, noted authority on Quail. The Compiler would like to be advised if anyone knows of Bob-whites established further northeast than this W. Newbury covey. | | | |
| FLORIDA GALLINULE: | Sept. 7 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid & Schmidt |
| | " 21 | Middletown, R.I. | 2 | Drury |
| COOT: | throughout | Squibnocket | 3 | Hornblower |
| | Sept. 12,28 | Concord, Scituate | first 1,2 | Howe, Henderson# |

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| PIPING PLOVER: | Sept. 17 | Monomoy | last | Griscom |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | Sept. 1-2 | Nauset | 1000-500 | Scott, Griscom# |
| | " 21 | Hampton | 130 | Kozacka |
| KILLDEER: | Sept. 2, 12 on | Spencer, Groton | 50, 16 | Eliot#, E. Mason |
| | " 16 | Nauset | 2 (unusual) | J. Eaton |
| GOLDEN PLOVER: | Sept. 16 | Pittsfield | 1 | Hendricks |
| | First record for Berkshire County. | | | |
| | Sept. 1-5 | Plum Island | 1-40 | F. E. Smith# |
| | " 7-10 | " " | 150-200 | Safford# |
| | " 13-29 | " " | 30-4 | A. O. U., Safford |
| | The birds fed often on a field of newly plowed ground adjacent to the airport; not strictly on Plum Island itself. | | | |
| | Sept. 7, 11 | Ipswich, W. Gloucester | 1, 1 | Robbins# |
| | " 2, 11 | Scituate | 2, 1 | Gleasons |
| | " 10 | Sagamore | 1 | Hill |
| | " 1-2 | Nauset | 1-11 | Griscom# |
| | " 16-28 | " | 12-1 | J. Eaton# |
| | (Recall gales of Sept. 1 and 16.) | | | |
| | Sept. 2-13, 15 | Monomoy | 5, 1 | A. O. U. # |
| | " 2, 5 | M. V., Nantucket | "same", first | H. V. D. Allen# |
| | " 17, 21 | Tiverton, R. I., Acoaxet | 1, 1 | Drury, Williston |
| | " 3-12 | Middletown, R. I. | 39-1 | " |
| | " 7-14 | Westbrook, Conn. | 15-12 | Schmidt & MacDavid |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | Sept. 4 | Petit Manan Pt., Me. | 15 | Weston |
| | Sept. 3 | W. Boylston | 1 | Eliot & Kraus |
| | " 16 | Pittsfield | 3 | Hendricks & Wallace |
| | Third Berkshire County record. | | | |
| | Sept. 7 | Ipswich | 600 | K. Elkins |
| | " 1-2-14 | Nauset | 1500-200-600 | Griscom#, A. O. U. |
| | " 2-15 | Monomoy | 75-300 | " " |
| RUDDY TURNSTONE: | Sept. 14 | Guilford, Conn. | 1 | Schmidt & MacDavid |
| WOODCOCK: | Sept. 17 | Monomoy | 1 (transient?) | Griscom |
| | late Sept. | Brewer, Me. | good flight starting | Weston |
| WILSON'S SNIFE: | all month | near Brewer, Me. | only 3 | Weston |
| HUDSONIAN CURLEW: | Sept. 2, 15 | Ipswich, Chatham | 8, 7 | Crain#, Griscom |
| | On various days 1 to 5 birds at Plum I., Scituate, Nauset, Monomoy, & Chilmark; not up to the level of the flight in July and August. | | | |
| | Sept. 3, 18 | Middletown, R. I. | 6, 19 | Drury |
| | " 6-8 | Little Compton, R. I. | 35-14 | Emerson, Bowen |
| | " 29 | Moonstone Beach, R. I. | still 6 | Kraus |
| UPLAND PLOVER: | Sept. 3 | Wells, Me. | 9 | Riedel |
| | " 4, 6 | Plum Island | 3, last 1 | Safford |
| | " 3 | Middletown, R. I. | 3 | Drury |
| SPOTTED SANDPIPER: | Sept. 21 | Township 43, Wash. Co., Me. | 2 | Eckstorm |
| SOLITARY SANDPIPER: | Sept. 2 | Spencer | 20 | Eliot & Kraus |
| EASTERN WILLET: | Sept. 1 | Nauset | 2 | Elkins, Griscom# |
| WESTERN WILLET: | Sept. 13 | Plum Island | 12 | A. O. U. |
| | " 1-2 | Nauset | 18-2 | Griscom## |
| | " 14-16 | " | 16-3 | A. O. U., J. Eaton |
| | (Note decreases after the two gales.) | | | |
| | Sept. 22 | Nauset | last 2 reported | Stubbs & Doyle |
| | Also 1 or 2 at Scituate, Monomoy, and Allen Pond. | | | |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | Sept. 1-14 | Nauset | 300-50 | Griscom#, A. O. U. |
| | " 2-15 | Monomoy | 100-70 | " " |

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| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | Sept. 13 | Newburyport | 75 | A.O.U. |
| | " 2 | Nauset, Monomoy | 100, 150 | Griscom## |
| | " 2 | Fairfield, Conn. | 14 | Saunders |
| KNOT: | Sept. 1-2 | Nauset | 500-400 | Scott#, Kelloggs# |
| | " 14-16 | " | 400-150 | A.O.U., J. Eaton |
| | " 1, 8 | Scituate, Yarmouth | 75, 400 | Gleason " |
| | " 5 | Nantucket | 12 (uncommon) | H. V. D. Allen |
| | " 20 | Galilee, R. I. | 6 | Kraus |
| | " 21 | Fairfield, Conn. | 4 | Saunders |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER: | Sept. 2 | Plum I., Monomoy | 20, 28 | Henderson, Griscom# |
| | " 3 | Middletown, R. I. | 23 | Drury |
| Smaller numbers elsewhere, throughout the month. | | | | |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | Sept. 1-2 | Scituate | 2-25 | Gleasons |
| | Sept. 1-2-14 | Nauset | 20-4-15 | Griscom#, A.O.U. |
| BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: | Sept. 2 | Chilmark | 1 | G. Emerson & Wakeman |
| | " 8, 16 | Monomoy | 1, 2 | Curtis#, Griscom |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | Sept. 1-2 | Nauset | 100 | MacLay, Griscom# |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | Sept. 13 | Plum I., Monomoy | first | A.O.U., Sprunt |
| | Sept. 28 | Eastham | 150 | Griscom, Garrison# |
| EASTERN DOWITCHER: | Sept. 22 | Monomoy | still 2 | Griscom |
| LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: | Sept. 12 | Newburyport | several | Mr. & Mrs. Howe |
| | Sept. 14 | Nauset | 4 plus | Armstrong & Griscom |
| By mid-September a few of the Dowitchers are obviously large, rangy birds, presumably from the far northwest; but most individuals (as remarked last year) are perplexing "Middle-western" Dowitchers. | | | | |
| STILT SANDPIPER: | Sept. 2, 13 | Newburyport | 1, 4 | Crain#, A.O.U. |
| | " 4-26 | W. Newbury | 14-9 | Eliot#, J. Kellogg# |
| | " 1-2 | Monomoy | 12-17 | Griscom# |
| Mr. Griscom's highest day's count ever. Notable flight. | | | | |
| | Sept. 2-20 | Tiverton, R. I. | 7-1 | Clement |
| Singles at Framingham, Nauset, & Little Compton. | | | | |
| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | Sept. 1-2-14 | Nauset | 3000-500-1000 | Griscom#, A.O.U. |
| WESTERN SANDPIPER: | Sept. 1-14 | Nauset | 2-20 | Scott#, A.O.U. |
| BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: | Sept. 4-5 | Newburyport | 2 | Cummings, Eliot# |
| Seen by many observers. One near the lighthouse, one near the airport. | | | | |
| | Sept. 7 | Little Compton, R. I. | 1 | Mrs. Williston |
| Notes of this observation are also complete and convincing. | | | | |
| | Sept. 16-30 | Middletown, R. I. | 1 | Drury, Clement# |
| Emerson & Clement saw Drury's bird on the 18th; it was last reported by D. Coolidge. | | | | |
| MARbled GODWIT: | Sept. 2-21 | Newburyport | 1 | Brookline B.C.## |
| | " 3 | Ipswich | 1 | S. Harris# |
| | " 1-2 | Nauset | 1-0 | Elkins, Kellogg# |
| | " 14-21 | " | 1-4 | A.O.U., Stubbs# |
| | " 2-8, 17 | Monomoy | 2, 3 | Griscom# |
| HUDSONIAN GODWIT: | Sept. 4-22 | Newburyport | 1 or 2 | Eliot, F. Smith## |
| Possibly both present throughout, though not always found. | | | | |
| | Sept. 2 | Ipswich, Acoaxet | 1, 1 | Curtises, Bowen |
| | " 8 | Yarmouth | 1 | J. Eaton |
| "quite reddish brown above with some reddish wash below, upturned bill, white tail with black band at tip." | | | | |
| | Sept. 2, 16 | Nauset | 4 | MacLay#, J. Eaton |
| | " 21 | Nauset | 2 | Stubbs & Doyle |

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| SANDERLING: | Sept. 13 | Petit Manan Pt., Me. | 20 | Weston |
| | " 2 | Nauset, Monomoy | 200,500 | Griscom# |
| | " 16 | " | est. 2000 | J. Eaton |
| RED PHALAROPE: | Sept. 14 | E. Orleans | 31 | A.O.U. party |
| | " 28 | off Monomoy | 2 | Bishop, Parkers# |
| WILSON'S PHALAROPE: | Aug. | Chilmark | 1 | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | " 22 | Ipswich | 1 | Nelson |
| | Sept. 17 | Monomoy | 1 | Griscom |
| NORTHERN PHALAROPE: | Sept. 14 | Crawford Notch, N.H. | 1 | R. Eaton |
| | approached | "within two feet". | | |
| | Sept. 2, 16 | Nauset | 1, 32 | Drury#, J. Eaton |
| | " 8, 22 | off Chatham, Monomoy | 13, 1 | Curtis#, Doyle# |
| PARASITIC JAEGER: | Aug. 31 | passing Monomoy | 22 | Kelloggs, Griscom# |
| | " 15 | off Monomoy Pt. | 8 | A.O.U. sea party |
| POMARINE JAEGER: | Sept. 15 | off Cohasset | 2 | T.L. Eliot |
| | " 15, 28 | off Monomoy | 1, 1 | A.O.U., Griscom# |
| SKUA: | Sept. 9 | off Chilmark | 1 | Guy Emerson |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | Sept. 2 | Cohasset | 1 | T.L. Eliot# |
| HERRING GULL: | Sept. 16 | past Monomoy | 100's | Griscom |
| | a great flight of this year's birds. | | | |
| | Sept. 22 on, 29 | Conn. Val., Pittsfield | a few, 2 | Eliot, Hendricks |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | Sept. 28 | Eastham | 100 | Haywards, Garrison# |
| LAUGHING GULL: | early Sept. | Monomoy | much reduced | Griscom |
| | Sept. 10 on | Middletown, R.I. | 175 daily | Drury |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | Sept. 2 | Ludlow reservoir | 1 imm. | Eliot & Kraus |
| FORSTER'S TERN: | Sept. 4, 13 | Plum Island | 1 | F. Smith#, Davis# |
| COMMON TERN: | Sept. 8-12 | Tisbury | 1000 plus | Benchley |
| | " 15 | Monomoy | 1200 | A.O.U. |
| | " 29 | Plum Island | 200 | Bergstrom# |
| ROSEATE TERN: | Sept. 14, 15 | Nauset, Monomoy | 30, 40 | A.O.U. |
| SOOTY TERN: | Sept. 1 | Ipswich | 1 | Miss Snow et al. |
| | Just before the first tropical gale. | | | of Brookline B.C. |
| LEAST TERN: | Sept. 16 | Nauset | last 1 | J. Eaton |
| CASPIAN TERN: | Sept. 15 | C. Porpoise, Me. | 2 | R.N. Lake |
| | first seen sitting on the beach, then a-wing. | | | |
| BLACK TERN: | Sept. 1-2, 4 | Ipswich, Plum I. | 1, 1 | Curtises#, Eliot |
| | " 16 | Wayland | 2 | Morgan |
| ROCK DOVE: | September | Connecticut Valley | scarce | Eliot |
| | "only 4 dates". | | | |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: | Sept. 28 | Pomfret, Vt. | 2 last | Weaver# |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | Sept. 28 | Lanesboro | 1 "rare" | Mr. & Mrs. Thompson |
| | " 29 | Pomfret, Vt. | 1 | Weaver# |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | Sept. 30 | Penacook, N.H. | 1 | Blackstone |
| WHIP-POOR-WILL: | Sept. 12 | Township 36, Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| | " 24 | Canaan, N.H. | last | McAlister & Ricard |
| NIGHT-HAWK: | Sept. 6 | Monomoy | 1 (where rare) | Mrs. Macclay |
| | " 17 | Arlington | 1 | Hill |
| | roosted all day in an elm tree. | | | |
| | Sept. 23 | Hartford, Conn. | 63 last | MacDavid & Schmidt |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT: | Sept. 23 | Hartford, Conn. | 27 last | MacDavid & Schmidt |
| RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: | Sept. 30 | Newington, Conn. | 2 | Schmidt# |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | Sept. 4 | Lenoxdale | 1 adult | Mrs. Derby |
| | Sept. 21 | Westport | 1 " | Mrs. Horton# |
| | " 22 | Monomoy | 1 imm. | Stubbs, Doyle# |
| | " 22 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1 imm. | Emerson |

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| EASTERN KINGBIRD: | Aug. 31-Sept. 3 | Fairfield, Conn. | "quite a flight" | |
| | Sept. 1 | Fairfield, Conn. | 150 | Saunders |
| | | | "sitting on wires in loose flocks." | |
| | Sept. 17 | southern New England | gen. departure | many obs. |
| ARKANSAS KINGBIRD: | Sept. 5 | Plum Island | 1 | F. Smith, Hendricks# |
| | " 13, 14 | Monomoy, Brewster | 1 (same?) | Hill, A.O.U. |
| | " 14-16 | Manomet | 1 | Mr. & Mrs. Ernst |
| CRESTED FLYCATCHER: | Sept. 28 | Kingston, R.I. | last | Kraus |
| YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: | Sept. 4, 5 | Wells R., Vt., Plum I. | 1, 1 | Smith, Griscom# |
| | Sept. 7 | Northfield, Belmont | 1, 1 | F. Elkins, Robbins |
| | " 23-28 | Monomoy | 1 | Bishop, Griscom# |
| | | This extremely late bird was collected and proved to be sick, its postnuptial molt delayed "8 weeks", etc, | | |
| ALDER FLYCATCHER: | Sept. 2, 17 | Northampton | 1, 1 | Eliot |
| | | latest records ever for the region. | | |
| LEAST FLYCATCHER: | | Individuals of the genus <u>Empidonax</u> , thought to be this species, seen up to Sept. 16 (Northampton) and 17 (Chilmark); also a "possible Alder" on Sept. 29 at Lynnfield (Hill). | | |
| WOOD PEWEE: | Sept. 16 | Wells River, Vt. | last 1 | Smith |
| OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: | Sept. 5 | Plum I., W. Newbury | 1, 1 | F. Smith, Griscom# |
| | Sept. 12, 17 | Chilmark, Belmont | 1, 1 | Wakeman, Nash# |
| | " 18 | Wells River, Vt. | last 1 | W. Smith |
| TREE SWALLOW: | | Flocks seen, especially early in the month, but in numbers way below normal. | | |
| BANK SWALLOW: | Sept. 4 | Newburyport | 1 late | Hendricks, Smith# |
| BARN SWALLOW: | | Eckstorm remarks on a nest used for the last several years in a wooden fire tower, 1000 feet above sea level, Township 31, eastern Maine. | | |
| CLIFF SWALLOW: | Sept. 23 | Chatham | 1 late | Bishop |
| BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE: | Sept. 12 | Township 36, Me. | many | Eckstorm |
| | | apparently migrating. | | |
| ACADIAN CHICKADEE: | | Noted at Errol and Mt. Moosilauka, N.H., and Peacham, Vt. | | |
| WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Sept. 4 | Township 42, Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Sept. 13 | Pt. Judith, R.I., Wianno | first | Kraus, J. Eaton |
| | | A scattering of reports throughout. | | |
| BROWN CREEPER: | Sept. 4 | Belmont | first | Robbins |
| | | Others chiefly from the 23rd on; not very many. | | |
| WINTER WREN: | Sept. 6 | Belmont | first transient | Robbins |
| | | Others chiefly from the 26th on, but not many. | | |
| CAROLINA WREN: | Sept. 12 | Middletown, R.I. | 10 together | Drury |
| LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: | Sept. 19 | Northampton | 1 (only) | Eliot |
| MOCKINGBIRD: | Sept. 29 | Cambridge | 1 | Nash |
| WOOD THRUSH: | Sept. 26 | Connecticut Valley | last | Eliot |
| GREY-CHEEKED THRUSH: | Sept. 16 | Lenox | 1 | Wallace |
| | " 21 | Wells River, Vt. | flocks heard | mig'g Smith |
| | " 29 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| BICKNELL'S THRUSH: | Sept. 29 | Cambridge | 1 | F.A. Saunders |
| VEERY: | Sept. 8 | Barre, Vt. | last, singing | Mrs. Drew |
| | " 14, 19 | Northampton | 1, 1 late | Eliot |
| BLUE-GREY GNATCATCHER: | Sept. 3 | W. Becket | 2 | Mrs. Derby |
| | Sept. 8, 28 | Manomet | 2 | Mr. & Mrs. Ernst |
| | | almost exactly where found in 1938 and 1939. | | |
| GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: | Sept. 16, 30 | Lenox | flocks | Wallace |
| | | Migration from the end of the month on, in small numbers. | | |
| RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: | Sept. 14 | S. Harwich | first | Mrs. Howe |
| | | Flight from about the 17th on, in numbers relatively better than the Golden-crown's. | | |

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| PIBIT: | Sept. 7, 8 | Williamsburg, Concord | 1, 3 | Graves, Cottrell |
| | " 9 | Tiverton, R.I. | 2 | Eynon |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | September | eastern Maine | abundant | Eckstorm |
| | Scattered small flocks elsewhere. | | | |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE: | Sept. 8 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | " 13-14, 23 | southern R.I. | 2, 1 | Kraus, Williston |
| | " 15, 24 | Monomoy, W. Becket | 1, 1 | A.O.U., Mrs. Derby |
| WHITE-EYED VIREO: | Sept. 13 | Pt. Judith, R.I. | 1 singing | Kraus |
| | " 17 | Monomoy | 1 | Griscom |
| YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: | Sept. 6 | Canaan, N.H. | 6 | McAlister & Ricard |
| | " 7 | Wells River, Vt. | last | Smith |
| BLUE-HEADED VIREO: | Sept. 12, 13 | Amesbury, Belmont | first | Kozacka, S. Robbins |
| RED-EYED VIREO: | Sept. 11 | Warren, R.I. | 50 plus | Bowen |
| | in wave of Vireos and Warblers on NW wind. | | | |
| PHILADELPHIA VIREO: | Sept. 5, 7 | Belmont, Northfield | 1, 1 | S. Robbins, F. Elkins |
| | " 7, 17 | Chatham | 1, 1 (Morris I.) | Griscom |
| | " 20 | Lenox | 1 | Wallace |
| | " 23 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| WARBLING VIREO: | Sept. 3 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| | " 20 | Wakefield | 1 | Ruth Turner |
| BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: | Sept. 1-26 | Conn. Val. | 3 scarce | Eliot |
| | Sept. 12-13 | Belmont | peak | Robbins# |
| | " 29 | Pomfret, Vt. | last | Weaver# |
| WORM-EATING WARBLER: | Sept. 6 | Warren, R.I. | 1 | Bowen |
| | This sight record was carefully and competently made. | | | |
| GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: | Sept. 5 | W. Peabody | 2 late | F. Smith, Griscom# |
| BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: | Sept. 9 | Chatham | 1 or 2 | Kraus, Winslow# |
| | " 16 | Fall River | 1 male (late) | Clement |
| TENNESSEE WARBLER: | Sept. 1 | Wells R., Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| | " 12-29 | Mass. | total of 5 | Wallace, Bergstrom# |
| | " 18 | Kingston, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: | Sept. 23 | Monomoy | 1 | Bishop |
| | Sept. 28 | Northampton | 1 (C.V. earliest) | Eliot |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER: | Rather thin migration. | | | |
| | Sept. 9 | Belmont | peak | Robbins# |
| PARULA WARBLER: | Sept. 13-14 | Belmont | peak | Robbins# |
| YELLOW WARBLER: | Sept. 15 | W. Springfield | 1 | Eliot# |
| | " 9-14 | Belmont | 1-8 daily (late) | Robbins# |
| | Some were bright yellow but the "majority ... seemed unusually pale." | | | |
| ALASKA YELLOW WARBLER: | Sept. 7 | Monomoy | 1 collected | Griscom |
| | First record for New England. | | | |
| NEWFOUNDLAND YELLOW WARBLER: | Sept. 7 | Monomoy | 1 collected | Griscom |
| | First record for Massachusetts. | | | |
| | Specimens now in the New England Museum of Natural History. | | | |
| | These birds were in a small flock including two supposed Eastern Yellow Warblers. They appeared greener above, darker, less yellow than the Easterns, and proved, in the hand, to be so, especially the Alaskan bird. The Newfoundland race (D. ae. amnicola, described by Batchelder in the Proc. N.E. Zool. Club, 1918, VI:81-2) is roughly midway in color between the Alaskan form and our common Eastern one. Late migrants may not infrequently be of these races, but are not identifiable as such in the field. | | | |

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| MAGNOLIA WARBLER: | Relatively numerous. | | |
| | Sept.13-14 Belmont | peak | Robbins# |
| | " 29 Pomfret,Vt. | last 1 | Weaver# |
| CAPE MAY WARBLER: | Unconscionable numbers: 40 reported. | | |
| | Peak, roughly the middle of the month. | | |
| | Sept. 1-28: At Wells R.,Vt., Lenox (2), Northampton (9), Conn. | | |
| | Val. otherwise (13), Belmont (4), Monomoy (5), Squibnocket, | | |
| | Mass., and Hartford (2),Conn. | | |
| BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: | Relatively not numerous. | | |
| | No peak. Reports average mid-September or later. | | |
| MYRTLE WARBLER: | Sept. 7 Belmont | first | Robbins# |
| BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: | Sept. 11-13 Belmont | peak | Robbins# |
| BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: | Sept.18-27 Conn.Val. | 5 | Eliot |
| | A few others, chiefly earlier; not many. | | |
| CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: | Sept. 28 Belmont | last (no peak) | Robbins# |
| BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: | Sept. 21 Wells River,Vt. | last | Smith |
| | " 22 Andover,N.H. | 1 late | K.Elkins |
| | " 22 Monomoy | 1 " | Bishop & Mrs.Putnam |
| | " 11-19 Massachusetts | 6 other transients | Nash,Eliot# |
| BLACKPOLL WARBLER: | A big flight, through rapidly (Griscom). | | |
| | Sept. 3 W.Boylston,Belmont | first | Eliot#,S.Robbins |
| | " 17 Belmont | 1350 | Robbins,Nash,Davis |
| | Sample counts were made every few minutes for three hours of a stream of warblers passing over a swamp and road. The estimate is considered conservative. | | |
| PRAIRIE WARBLER: | Sept.22,29 Chatham,Edgartown | 1,1 | Griscom,Mrs.Edey |
| WESTERN PALM WARBLER: | Sept. 11 on. Usual numbers. | | |
| YELLOW PALM WARBLER: | Sept. 16 on Washington Co.,Me. | several | Eckstorm |
| | " 28 Wells River,Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| | " 30 Concord,N.H. | first | White |
| NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: | Sept. 27 Kingston,R.I. | last 2 | Kraus |
| GRINNELL'S(?)WATER-THRUSH: | Sept. 8 Concord | 1 | V.Armstrong |
| | Reported as a Louisiana Water-thrush; well seen, "white eye-stripe" noted, etc.; but Mr. Griscom suggests that the likelihood of Grinnell's at this date is much greater. | | |
| CONNECTICUT WARBLER: | Sept.2,21 Wells River,Vt. | first,last | Smith |
| | " 5 Errol,N.H. | 1 | Madeira |
| | Sept. 10 on: 23 others reported in Mass. & R.I.; in several cases what appeared to be an adult and an immature together. | | |
| MOURNING WARBLER: | Sept. 18 Wells River,Vt. | 4 | Smith |
| | " 5,8 Plum I.,Monomoy | 1,1 | Griscom# |
| | " 11,14 Belmont | 1,1 | C.Robbins#,S.Robbins |
| | " 18-19 Kingston,R.I. | 1 imm. | Kraus |
| YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: | Sept. 29 Penacook,N.H. | 1 | Jess Blackstone |
| HOODED WARBLER: | Aug. 31 Monomoy | 1 male | R. Mason |
| | Sept. 27 N.Eastham | 1 | Mr.& Mrs.Hayward# |
| | CORRECTION: The date Aug. 8 on page 62 should read August 2. | | |
| WILSON'S WARBLER: | Many reports. | | |
| | Sept. 29 Northampton | last | Eliot |
| CANADA WARBLER: | Sept.2-14: at Wells River,Vt.,Northampton,Belmont, & Eastham. | | |
| | " 21 Barre,Vt. | last | Mrs. Drew |
| RED-WING: | Sept. 29 Woodsville,N.H. | 300 | Smith |
| BALTIMORE ORIOLE: | Sept.28 Belmont | 1 "quite late" | Robbins |

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| SCARLET TANAGER: | Sept. 29 | Lincoln | last | Dr. & Mrs. Blake |
| | Numerous late September reports of this species; others of the Oriole and Grosbeak. | | | |
| ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: | Sept. 29 | Petersham | 1 male | Mrs. Allison |
| INDIGO BUNTING: | all month | Groton | "extraordinarily numerous" | E. Mason |
| DICKCISSEL: | Sept. 4 | Chilmark | 1 | Mrs. Wakeman |
| | " 16 | Monomoy | 1 | Griscom |
| RED CROSSBILL: | late Aug. | Cotuit | 5 | Ben. Shreve |
| | Sept. 2-9 | Naushon I. | 5 daily | Dr. H. Forbes |
| | "feeding on fir cones". One adult male. | | | |
| WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: | Sept. 14 | Mt. Moosilauke, N.H. | present | Weaver |
| HENSLOW'S SPARROW: | Sept. 7 | Little Compton, R.I. | 1 | Mrs. Williston |
| | " 17 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| ACADIAN SPARROW: | Sept. 15 | Orrington, Me. | 4 | Weston |
| JAMES BAY SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: | Sept. 27 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| SEASIDE SPARROW: | Sept. 8 | Quonochontaug, R.I. | 3 | Peterson, Drury # |
| JUNCO: | September | eastern Maine | abundant | Eckstorm |
| CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: | Sept. 17 | Monomoy | 1 | Gristom |
| | "Perfectly seen three times (once at 10 feet); shot; killed, and lost. Saw striped crown, brown ear-coverts, buffy unstreaked underparts, and lack of grey nuchal collar and rump." | | | |
| | Sept. 18 | Ludlow | 1 | Stebbins & Bowen |
| | "thoroly studied, Peterson in hand." | | | |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: | Sept. 6 | Belmont | first | S. Robbins |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: | September | eastern Maine | remarkably scarce | Eckstorm |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | Sept. 10, 11 | Easthampton, Groton | first | Riedel, Mason |
| | " 29 | Conn. Val. | 15 plus | Eliot |
| SWAMP SPARROW: | all month | Groton | very scarce | E. Mason |



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The weather in October was seasonable and pleasant, abnormally dry throughout, and generally lacking in such ups and downs of temperature as produce waves of landbird migrants. An exception was the cold snap of October 20-22 (temperature 6° at Groton, Vt., etc.). This sent birds scurrying southward, and terminated our Indian summer.

The fresh water DUCK flight was not impressive. SHOREBIRDS continued numerous along the coast (scarce in the interior). LANDBIRDS seemed fewer than usual (one third below normal at the Austin Station), though some species which had been re-ported badly depleted last spring appeared in better numbers this fall. Twenty-two kinds of WARBLERS were found still migrating in October. Among the winter FINCHES, Siskins and a few Redpolls appeared, while Goldfinches were not uncommon. Seaside Sparrows in eastern Massachusetts, and "James Bay" Sharp-Tailed Sparrows are notable.

Though by contrast with the preceding month October was a quiet season, some unusual birds were found, especially: PACIFIC LOON, SNOW GOOSE, GADWALL, GOLDEN EAGLE, BLACK-HEADED GULL, ARKANSAS KINGBIRD, BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER, and CLAY-COLORED SPARROW.

In the spring BULLETINS, note was made of various species reduced in numbers by the hard winter in our southeastern states. Some of these birds have made a good comeback, in particular the Kinglets. Those which reports indicate are still well below par are the Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Hermit Thrush, Blue-headed Vireo, and apparently Snipe. Not much better off are the Purple Finch and White-throated Sparrow. The Creeper and Red-breasted Nuthatch have made fair gains, while the Killdeer and Winter Wren are perhaps adequately near normal. Woodcock had successful nestings in many areas and have been reported plentiful in spots during the fall migration.

In addition to the impressive file of reports from the many field observers who contribute to this cooperative BULLETIN, we are fortunate in having some supplementary observations nowadays from bird banding stations. An active station that has been contributing recently is Mr. Wharton's in Groton (records chiefly by E. Mason) and in this issue we show for the first time a series of records from the Austin Ornithological Research Station at North Eastham. We are pleased to have the BULLETIN's "coverage" strengthened in this way.

D.L.G.

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| COMMON LOON: | Oct. 7 | Holyoke | 1 calling | Leshure |
| PACIFIC LOON: | Oct. 29 | Scituate | 1 | F.H.Allen |
| RED-THROATED LOON: | Oct. 27 | off Plum Island | 60 | Parker, Drury# |
| HOLBOELL'S GREBE: | Oct. 20 | Bennington, Vt. | 1 | L.H.Ross |
| | " 26 on | Essex County | present | Curtises# |
| HORNED GREBE: | Oct. 5 | Fall River | first | Mrs. Horton |
| GANNET: | Oct. 23 | Barnet, Vt. | 1 imm. | rep.to Weaver |
| | " 24 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 " | Weaver# |
| These storm strays were both caught and fed. The Barnet bird lived a week; the Hanover bird, banded and released, was shot (Nov.4) at N. Hartland, Vt. | | | | |
| | Oct. 26 | off Plum Island | 50 | Griscom & Curtis |
| EUROPEAN CORMORANT: | Oct. 12 | Manchester | 1 | Emilio & Alexander |
| | " 20 | Mt.Desert, Me. | 2 | Weston |
| AMERICAN EGRET: | Oct. 6 | Westport | 2 | J.E.Bannister |
| | " 2-5-12 | Tiverton, R.I. | 4-10-2 | Clement |
| He suggests that possibly birds migrating south from Marshfield may have stopped in on the 5th. | | | | |
| LITTLE BLUE HERON: | Oct. 5 | E.Orleans | 1 | Morgan |
| GREEN HERON: | Oct.16,19 | Plum I., S.Egremont | last | Safford, Rinsma |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | Oct.4,20 | Osterville | 100,flock | J.Eaton |
| overhead, migrating SW in the late afternoon. | | | | |
| YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | Oct. 23 | Barnstable | 1 adult | J.Eaton |
| CANADA GOOSE: | Oct. 18 | Wells River, Vt. | first 10 | Smith |
| | " 16 on | Plum Island, etc. | flocks | Safford# |
| BRANT: | Oct. 17 | off Monomoy | 3 | Griscom, Bishop# |
| | " 20 | Plum Island | 60 | Safford |
| | " 22 | off Nauset | 400 | Benchley |
| "Flight day." They arrived in 5 flocks and lit off the mouth of the harbor. From that time on, small flocks were noted in wintering locations at Chatham, Dennis, etc. | | | | |
| | Oct. 27 | Mt. Greylock | 350 | Hagar & Benchley |
| Benchley saw 2 flocks and Hagar a subsequent one, passing SE not far from the summit. This is apparently the first Berkshire County record. | | | | |
| SNOW GOOSE: | Oct. 17 | Saybrook, Conn. | 2 imm. | Stebbins & Bowen |
| "flushed at 50 feet." Considering the early date, the best guest on these (Prof. Eliot's) is Lesser. | | | | |
| MALLARD: | Oct. 5 | Orrington, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | " 12 | W.Newbury | 12 | Emilio & Alexander |
| | " 13 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 50 | Weaver |
| BLACK DUCK: | Oct. 12 | Portland, Me. | 1100 | Taber, Drury# |
| | " 6,14 | Newburyport | 1000 est. | Garrison# |
| | " 13 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 1000 | Weaver |
| | " 26 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 1500 | Coman# |
| They have seemed extremely scarce, however, on Cape Cod and in southeastern Rhode Island (J.Eaton, Clement). | | | | |
| | October | Essex, Conn. | 1 albino | Belden# |
| Newspaper publicity by sportsmen protected this bird. | | | | |
| GADWALL: | Oct.10 | Concord | 1 | V.Armstrong |
| | " 11 | Northampton | 1 | Taber & Eliot |
| EUROPEAN WIDGEON: | Oct. 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 4 drakes | Clement, Emerson# |
| | " 31 | W.Newbury | 1 | V.G.& V.Armstrong |

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| BALDPATE: | Oct. 12 | Mariaville, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | " 12 | Little Compton, R.I. | 300 est. | Clement |
| | " 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 1225 | Clement, Kraus# |
| | Only small numbers elsewhere (Vineyard not heard from). | | | |
| PINTAIL: | Oct. 12 | Mariaville, Portland, Me. | 1, 27 | Weston, Taber# |
| | " 13 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 15 | Weaver |
| | " 5 | Concord | 75 | Cottrells |
| | " 6-14 | W. Newbury | 140-70 | Griscom, Garrison# |
| | " 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 42 | Clement# |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | Oct. 13 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 500 | Weaver |
| | " 5, 12 | Concord, Sudbury | 200, 75 | Cottrell, Morgan |
| | " 6 | W. Newbury | 120 | Griscom, Ripley# |
| | " 27 | Easton, Conn. | 35 peak | Saunders |
| | " | Connecticut Valley | "Far below normal" | Eliot |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | Oct. 5, 6 | Concord, W. Newbury | 50, 90 | Cottrell, Griscom# |
| WOOD DUCK: | Oct. 18 | Township 10, Hancock Co., Me. | 4 | Eckstorm |
| | " 13 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 200 | Weaver |
| | " 5-19 | S. Sudbury | 60-13 | Nash#, R. Eaton# |
| | Relatively few this year, and those departed early. | | | |
| REDHEAD: | Oct. 2, 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 1, 2 | Clement# |
| | " 14 | Charlestown Pd., R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 31 | Boston region | 1 (same drake) | Henderson |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | Oct. 10 | Eddington, Me. | 20 (decrease) | Weston |
| | " 9, 19 | Northampton, Cambridge | 1, 8 | Eliot, Taber# |
| | " 20 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 108 | Kraus |
| | " 26 | Fairfield, Ct. | 75 | Saunders |
| CANVASBACK: | Oct. 20 | Pittsfield | 3 | Wallace & Hendricks |
| | " 14 | Worden's Pd., R.I. | 3 | Kraus |
| | " 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 | Clement, Emerson# |
| SCAUP: | Oct. 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 381 | Clement, Kraus, Emerson |
| | Total of both species; 150 plus thought Lessers. | | | |
| | Elsewhere: normal numbers in usual places. | | | |
| AMERICAN GOLDENEYE: | Oct. 1 | Milford, Me. | 4 | Weston |
| | " 13 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 4 | Weaver |
| | " 19 | Cambridge | 15 | Griscom & Taber |
| | " 20 | Holyoke, Agawam | 2, 5 | Eliot |
| | (earliest known arrivals in the Conn. Val. & Cambridge regions). | | | |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | Oct. 12 | Portland, Me. | 2 | Taber, Parker# |
| | " 19 | Cambridge | 4 (record date) | Griscom# |
| | " 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 4 | Clement# |
| OLD-SQUAW: | Oct. 15 | Ludlow | 1 (early) | Leshure |
| | " 17 | Monomoy | 400 " | Griscom, Bishop# |
| AMERICAN EIDER: | Oct. 6 | off Plum Island | 1 drake | Garrison, Alexander# |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | Oct. 10 | Harrington, Me. | 40 (sp. ?) | Eckstorm |
| | " 20, 22 | Dublin, Enfield, N.H. | 3, 1 | Abbott, Weaver |
| | " 13 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 200 | Weaver |
| | " 15, 23-25 | Ludlow | 8, 1-2 | Leshure, Eliot |
| | " 20-27, 27-31 | Agawam, Northampton | 1, 1 | Eliot, Riedel |
| | " 17 | Monomoy | 1000 | Griscom, Garrison# |
| | " 5-27 | Fairfield, Conn. | 50-700 | Saunders |
| SURF SCOTER: | Oct. 17 | Monomoy | 1000 | Bishop, Griscom# |
| AMERICAN SCOTER: | Oct. 15, 16 | Ludlow, Hadley | 58, 6 | Leshure, Eliot |
| | " 16, 27 | Holyoke, Agawam | 30, 3 | Eliot |
| | " 19 | S. Egremont | 26 | Rinsma & Varney |
| | " 17 | Monomoy | 4000 | Griscom, Garrison# |
| | (The high proportion of American Scoters is remarkable.) | | | |

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| RUDDY DUCK: | Oct. 9, 16 | Northampton, Concord | 1, 14 | Eliot, Nash |
| | " 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 40 | Clement, Kraus# |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | Normal numbers in usual places. | | | |
| | Oct. 22 on | Boston | 1 female | Dr. Lord |
| AMERICAN MERGANSER: | Oct. 6, 20 | Conn. Val. | first 8, numbers | Staples, Eliot |
| RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: | Oct. 20-26 | Essex County | 40-200 | Emilio#, M.A.S. |
| GOSHAWK: | Oct. 21 | South America, Vt. | 1 | Greenway |
| | " 15-29 | Conn. Val. | 3 | Eliot, Elkins# |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | Oct. 10 | Pittsfield | 1 female | Hendricks |
| | "feeding on a bird on the horizontal branch of an elm in City Hall Park! The bird paid no attention to the large number of people watching it." | | | |
| RED-TAILED HAWK: | Oct. 14-26 | Manchester, Vt. | 16 | Robbins |
| | " 20 | Mt. Tom | 6 | Weaver |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | Oct. 16 | Township 24, Hancock Co., Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| BROAD-WINGED HAWK: | Oct. 10, 13 | Concord, Northampton | last | Armstrong, Eliot |
| | " 12 | Fairfield, Conn. | " | Saunders |
| ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: | Oct. 12 | Mt. Bigelow, Me. | 1 | Taber & H.O.C. |
| | " 22, 23 | Chilmark, Nauset | first | Mrs. Edey, Benchley |
| | " 27 | Cheshire | 1 | Hendricks |
| GOLDEN EAGLE: | Oct. 12 | northern Maine | 1 imm. | Eckstorm |
| BALD EAGLE: | Oct. 13-26: | 4 in Maine, 1 in Vermont, 2 on Cape Cod. | | |
| MARSH HAWK: | Oct. 15 | Township 16, Hancock Co., Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| OSPREY: | Oct. 1-19 | many reported. | | |
| SPRUCE GROUSE: | Oct. 13-30: | noted in Dead R. Val. & at Aurora & Northfield, Me. | | |
| RUFFED GROUSE: | October | eastern Maine | unusually scarce | Weston |
| "CHUKAR" PARTRIDGE | Oct. 10 | W. Tisbury | 6 | Mrs. Edey |
| | of 55 recently released by local club. | | | |
| BOB-WHITE: | Oct. 14 | Topsfield | 2 | Garrison |
| | " 27 | W. Newbury | 10-15 | Olen, Parrish# |
| SORA: | Oct. 13 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 1 | Weaver |
| COOT: | Oct. 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 235 | Emerson, Clement# |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | Oct. 20 | Mt. Desert, Me. | 1 very late | Eckstorm |
| | " 4 | Hadley | 16 | Eliot |
| KILLDEER: | Oct. 1-31 | Groton | flock of 20 | E. Mason# |
| | " 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 33 | Kraus, Emerson# |
| GOLDEN PLOVER: | Footnote to records in BUL. No. 9, pages 63, 67 & 68. | | | |
| | Commenting on views put forth in the last Bulletin, regarding migration habits of the Golden Plover and Hudsonian Godwit, Mr. Hagar CORRECTS a misunderstanding on my part. He says it is only the early flight of adult birds (peak, Aug. 20-Sept. 7) that is believed to pass from Canada to South America at sea. The juvenile birds regularly come south overland. When "grounded" by heavy storms, adult Hudsonian Godwits ordinarily depart again before calm weather resumes; adult Plover, or the young of either species, are more likely to linger. | | | |
| | to Oct. 11 | Plum Island | present | Safford |
| | Oct. 5 | Nauset | 1 | Morgan |
| | " 12, 19 | Tiverton, Pt. Judith, R.I. | 1, 2 | Clement, Kraus |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | Oct. 23, 27 | Hadley, Pittsfield | 1, 3 | Eliot, Wallace# |
| | " 24 | Nauset | 710 "late" | Benchley |
| WOODCOCK: | Spotty. Good numbers in central N.H. and some other localities. | | | |
| WILSON'S SNIFE: | Thin flight: 1 or 2 reported from many points. | | | |
| HUDSONIAN CURLEW: | Oct. 12 | Ipswich | last | Emilio & Alexander |

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| SPOTTED SANDPIPER: | Oct. 12 | Auburn, Me. | 1 | Taber, Hill# |
| | " 20 | W. Peabody | 1 late | Taber & Stackpole |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | Oct. 24 | Nauset | 700 | Benchley |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | Oct. 13, 18 | Newburyport, Ludlow | 1, 2 | Batchelder, Leshure |
| BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: | Oct. 5 | Monomoy | 1 | Morgan |
| LEAST SANDPIPER: | Oct. 31 | W. Newbury | 3 | V. G. & V. Armstrong |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | Oct. 26 | Westport | 150 | Williston |
| LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: | Oct. 14-27 | W. Newbury | 15-3 | Garrison, Emilio# |
| STILT SANDPIPER: | Oct. 7, 5 | Plum I., Monomoy | 1, 2 | R. Mason, Morgan |
| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | Oct. 9 | Harrington, Me. | 3 late | Eckstorm |
| WESTERN SANDPIPER: | Oct. 6 | Essex County | 1 | Ripley, S. Harris# |
| MARbled GODWIT: | Oct. 7 | Plum Island | 1 | R. Mason |
| HUDSONIAN GODWIT: | See remarks under Golden Plover. | | | |
| | Sept. 3 | Wells, Me. | 1 | Riedel |
| PHALAROPE, RED (?): | Oct. 17 | off Monomoy | 2 | Griscom, Bishop# |
| GLAUCOUS GULL: | Oct. 10 | 6 miles E. of Nahant | 1 | Hagar |
| ICELAND GULL: | Oct. 27 | Newburyport | 1 | Parker, Drury# |
| | " 26 | Cambridge | 1 yearling | Nash |
| HERRING GULL: | Oct. 13 | Burlington, Vt. | 225 | Weaver |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | Oct. 5 | Matunuck, R. I. | 18 | Kraus |
| | " 13 | Sand Bar Refuge, Vt. | 2 | Weaver |
| | " 20-31 | Agawam | 5-1 | Stebbins & Eliot |
| <u>BLACK-HEADED GULL:</u> | Oct. 27 | Newburyport | 1 adult | Parker & Drury |
| Earliest arrival date in the 6 years the species has been recorded here. | | | | |
| TERN: | Oct. 6, 26 | Plum Island | 40, 2 | Griscom# |
| | " 20 | E. Dennis, etc. | 1000 | Benchley |
| Numbers fell off rapidly thereafter. | | | | |
| These late Terns are generally reported as "Common" (though, so far as I am aware, specific identification in the field at this season is impossible). | | | | |
| ROCK DOVE: | CORRECTION: Prof. Eliot's report on p. 69 of the last BUL. should have been attributed to Mourning Dove, not this introduced form. | | | |
| YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: | Oct. 1, 8 | Belmont | 1 | Elkins, Bergstrom# |
| | " 14 | Woodstock, Vt. | 1 collected | Weaver |
| BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: | Oct. 3, 4 | Wakefield, R. I. | 2 dead, 1 alive | Coman# |
| | " 12 | Edgartown | last | Mrs. Worden |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | Oct. 13, 19 | Alfred, Bowdoin, Me. | 2, 1 | Taber#, W. H. Sawyer |
| | " 9, 19 | Northampton, Williamsburg | heard | Combs#, Baggs# |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | Oct. 27 | Sandwich | 1 | Hill |
| "coming in from the ocean against a strong NW wind." | | | | |
| SAW-WHET OWL: | Oct. 13 | Windham, Me. | 1 struck moving car | Taber# |
| | " 17 | Hancock | 1 | rep. to Hendricks |
| NIGHTHAWK: | Oct. 12 | New Britain, Conn. | 1 | Schmidt |
| CHIMNEY SWIFT: | Oct. 2 | Tiverton, R. I. | 1 | Clement |
| FLICKER: | Oct. 18 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 <u>late</u> | Smith |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER: | Oct. 31 | Canton | 1 | G. Harris |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | Oct. 13 | Saybrook, Conn. | 1 | Stebbins & Bowen |
| <u>ARKANSAS KINGBIRD:</u> | Oct. 10 | Webster, Me. | 1 (collected) | F. Jones# |
| | " 5, 10 | Orleans, Wayland | 1, 1 | A. H. Morgan |
| | " 13-15 | Plum Island | 3-1 | Safford |
| PHOEBE: | Reported at the usual times and places, but <u>very few</u> for each observer. | | | |
| WOOD PEWEE: | Oct. 5 | Kingston, R. I. | 1 | Kraus |

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| NORTHERN HORNED LARK: | Oct. 12 | Mt. Bigelow, Me. | 2 | Taber, Hill# |
| | " 13, 17 | Rowley, Monomoy | first | Alexander, Bishop# |
| | " 22-31 | Northampton | first - 60 | Eliot |
| | " 27 | Groton | 1 (injured) | E. Mason |
| | " 19 | Wethersfield, Conn. | 100 (sp.?) | Hartford B.C. |
| | " 17 on | Dublin, N.H. | "abundant" | Abbott |
| | "both species." | | | |
| PRAIRIE HORNED LARK: | Oct. 5, 23 | Westfield | 15 | Bagg |
| | believed to be locally raised broods. | | | |
| | Oct. 31 | Northampton | 1 (with Northerns) | Eliot |
| TREE SWALLOW: | Oct. 3, 23 | Barnstable, Chatham | 350, 100 | Benchley, Bishop |
| | " 20-27, 28 | Nauset | 400, 600 | " |
| BARN SWALLOW: | Oct. 9, 13 | Northampton, Plum I. | last | Eliot, Alexander |
| CANADA JAY: | Oct. 12-13 | Dead River Val., Me. | several | Taber & H.O.C. |
| | " 29 | Northfield, Me. | 3 | Eckstorm |
| | (at the southern limit of its regular range.) | | | |
| BLUE JAY: | Oct. 13 | Dead River Val., Me. | 1 | Taber# |
| FISH CROW: | Oct. 17 | W. Barnstable | 2 | J. Eaton |
| | "with 3 common Crows. Appeared 3/4 size of common Crows. ... | | | |
| | Not heard." | | | |
| ACADIAN CHICKADEE: | Noted at Mt. Saddleback & Mt. Bigelow, Me. | | | |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Usual times and places, a few. | | | |
| BROWN CREEPER: | Same. | | | |
| HOUSE WREN: | Oct. 14 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| WINTER WREN: | Oct. 5-19 | Fairfield, Conn. | 6 dates | Saunders |
| | More than usual. Elsewhere a little below par. | | | |
| LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: | Oct. 31 | Northampton | 1 late | Eliot |
| SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN: | Oct. 25 | Ludlow | 1 <u>late</u> | Bagg & Eliot |
| MOCKINGBIRD: | Oct. 10, 31 | Cambridge, Plum I. | 1, 1 | Bergstrom#, Mason# |
| CATBIRD: | Oct. 10 | Manchester, Vt. | last | Robbins |
| BROWN THRASHER: | Oct. 9 | Concord, N.H. | 1 (local latest) | White |
| | " 31 | Plum I., Scituate | 1, 1 | Safford, May |
| ROBIN: | Oct. 22 | Wells River, Vt. | 140 | Smith |
| | " 19-25 | Groton | peak | E. Mason |
| | " 7-8 | Winno | 1 dwarf | J. Eaton |
| | "with large flock of migrants. Appeared about 1/2 normal size, but normal in every other way." | | | |
| WOOD THRUSH: | Oct. 3, 5 | Amherst, Winchester | last | Staples, Small |
| | " 11 | Fairfield, Conn. | " | Saunders |
| HERMIT THRUSH: | Oct. 19 | Wells River, Vt. | peak, 25 | Smith |
| | " 11-24 | Conn. Val. | "common" | Eliot |
| | Influx at end of month (Austin Sta., E. Mason, Griscom). | | | |
| OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH: | Oct. 9 | Groton | last | E. Mason |
| | " 25 | Wells River, Vt. | " | Smith |
| GREY-CHEEKED THRUSH: | fall | N. Eastham | 10 | Austin Station |
| | Oct. 12 | Canterbury, N.H. | 1 (<u>rare</u>) | F.B. White |
| | " 14 | Concord | 1 | V.G. & V. Armstrong |
| BICKNELL'S THRUSH: | Oct. 26-29 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot# |
| | on two mornings heard singing for 10-20 minutes before sunrise (also seen). Latest Conn. Val. record. | | | |
| BLUEBIRD: | Usual dates and places but numbers somewhat down. | | | |
| BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: | Oct. 19 | Hingham | 1 | F. & R. Gleason |
| | with a flock of Myrtle Warblers and Kinglets. | | | |
| KINGLETS: | Plentiful, according to almost all correspondents. | | | |
| PIPIT: | Oct. 22 | Lexington | 100-150 | Taber |
| | " 26 | Arlington, Vt. | 68 | Robbins |

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| Taber, William | 2 | 1st. Ridge, Mo. | Oct. 12 |
| Alexander, George | 1st | Lowry, Kentucky | " 15, 17 |
| Bliss | 1st - 60 | Montgomery | " 22, 21 |
| E. Johnson | 1 (injured) | Garson | " 27 |
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| CEDAR WAXWING; | October | Well distributed. | | |
| NORTHERN SHRIKE: | Oct. 23 | Smyrna, Me. | first | Eckstorm |
| | " 24 | Ossipee, N.H. | " | Mrs. Pratt |
| | " 26 | Arlington, Vt. | " | Robbins |
| | " 23, 25 | Plum I., Groton | " | Safford, Mason |
| BLUE-HEADED VIREO: | through Oct. 19 | Conn. Val. | 40, almost normal | Eliot |
| | Numbers much below par according to most observers. | | | |
| RED-EYED VIREO: | Oct. 16 | Northampton | last | Eliot |
| | " 26 | Cambridge | " 2 | Nash |
| BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: | Oct. 11 | Hadley | 1 | Bagg, Taber# |
| | Oct. 23 | Cambridge | 1 <u>late</u> | W.M. Tyler |
| TENNESSEE WARBLER(?): | Oct. 14 | Wianno | 1 | J. Eaton |
| | Because this (very late) individual had the greyish white underparts of spring plumage, rather than the yellowish underparts usual in the fall, Mr. Eaton submits it with a question mark. | | | |
| ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: | Oct. 26 | Cambridge | 1 | Nash |
| NASHVILLE WARBLER: | Oct. 19 | Manchester, Vt. | last | Robbins |
| | " 19 | Cambridge | " | Hill |
| PARULA WARBLER: | Oct. 12 | Northampton | last | Eliot |
| MAGNOLIA WARBLER: | Oct. 12 | N. Eastham | 1 | Austin Station |
| | " 24 | Bedford | last 2 | Clemensson |
| CAPE MAY WARBLER: | Oct. 1 | Northampton | last (of many) | Eliot |
| | " 4 | Cambridge | " | Griscom |
| BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: | Surprising number of October records. | | | |
| | Oct. 26 | Ipswich | 1 | Miss Lane & Bergstrom |
| | " 26 | Bedford, Cambridge | 1, 1 | Clemensson, Griscom |
| MYRTLE WARBLER: | fall | N. Eastham | 50% off | Austin Station |
| BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: | Oct. 26 | Topsfield | last | Griscom |
| CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: | Oct. 1 | Williamsburg | 2 | Graves |
| BLACKPOLL WARBLER: | Oct. 12 | Farmington, Me. | 2 | Taber, Hill# |
| | " 16 | Cambridge | last | Nash |
| PINE WARBLER: | Oct. 22 | Northampton | " in C.V. | Eliot |
| PRAIRIE WARBLER: | Oct. 2, 4 | Eastham, Wianno | last | Benchley, Eaton |
| | " 24 | Edgartown | " | Mrs. Edey |
| WESTERN PALM WARBLER: | Few in Conn. Val.; about normal elsewhere. | | | |
| YELLOW PALM WARBLER: | Numbers normal at N. Eastham; below normal in most other areas. | | | |
| OVENBIRD: | Oct. 2 | Cambridge | 1 | E.G. Davis |
| | " 5 | Belmont | 1 <u>late</u> | F. Elkins |
| NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH: | Oct. 3, 6 | Northampton, Holyoke | 1, 1 | Eliot, Bagg |
| CONNECTICUT WARBLER: | Oct. 3 | Cambridge | 1 | Bergstrom & Nash |
| NORTHERN YELLOWTHROAT: | Oct. 1 | Bancroft, Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| | " 22 | Northampton | last | Eliot |
| <u>YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:</u> | Oct. 6 | Duxbury | 1 | Fisher Ames |
| | Parts of this bird killed by a cat were received at the Museum. | | | |
| CANADA WARBLER: | Oct. 14 | N. Eastham | 1 | Austin Station |
| REDSTART: | Oct. 2, 7 | Northampton, N. Adams | 1, 1 | Wakeman, LaBeau |
| | " 3, 6 | Cambridge, Rowley | 1, 1 | Nash#, Batchelders |
| | " 2 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| BOBOLINK: | Oct. 6 | W. Peabody | 1 <u>late</u> | Griscom, Ripley# |
| MEADOWLARK: | Oct. 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 70 | Clement, Emerson# |
| | gathering to a roost. | | | |
| RED-WING: | Oct. 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 1800 | Clement, Kraus# |
| | also to roost. Mostly in imm. male plumage. | | | |
| | Few large flocks of migrants have been reported. | | | |

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| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | Oct. 12 | Concord | 1500 | Griscom & Eaton |
| SCARLET Tanager: | Oct. 4 | Pittsfield, Cambridge | 1, 1 | Hendricks, Hill |
| | " 5 | Conn. Val., Belmont | 2, 1 | Riedel#, F. Elkins |
| | " 9 | Madison, Conn. | 1 | Meigs |
| ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: | Oct. 8 | Groton | 1 male | W.B. Nelson |
| INDIGO BUNTING: | Oct. 7, 11 | Lenox, Conn. Val. | last | Wallace, Eliot |
| DICKCISSEL: | Sept. 15 | N. Eastham | 1 | Austin Station |
| | Recall Griscom's Monomoy Dickcissel on Sept. 16. (p. 73) | | | |
| PURPLE FINCH: | Oct. 20-28 | especially: found everywhere in small numbers. | | |
| REDPOLL: | Oct. 29 | Northampton, Amherst | 6, 2 | Wakeman, Staples |
| PINE SISKIN: | Oct. 14 | Township 10, Hancock Co., Me. | flock | Eckstorm |
| | " 17 on | Connecticut Valley | flocks | Graves# |
| GOLDFINCH: | fall: Plentiful and well distributed. | | | |
| IPSWICH SPARROW: | Oct. 20, 23 | Plum I., Barnstable | first | Enilio#, J. Eaton |
| LABRADOR SAVANNAH SPARROW: | Oct. 20 | Lynnfield | 1 | Emilio & Alexander |
| | a very careful & positive identification by two experts. | | | |
| SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: | Oct. 31 | Plum Island | present | Safford |
| ACADIAN SPARROW: | Oct. 6 | Newburyport | 2 | Harris, Garrison# |
| | " 16, 23 | Barnstable | abund't, 1 | Hagar, Eaton |
| | " 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 | Clement, Kraus# |
| "JAMES BAY" SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: | Oct. 5 | Concord | 1 (ssp.?) | Cottrells |
| | Oct. 26 | Northampton | last | Eliot |
| SEASIDE SPARROW: | Oct. 16 | Barnstable | 1 | Hagar |
| | " 20 | Newburyport | 1 | Miss Snow# |
| VESPER SPARROW: | Oct. 19 | Township 10, Washington Co., Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| | " 20 | Mt. Desert, Me. | 1 late | " |
| | " 22 | Passadumkeag, Me. | several | " |
| | " 24 | Mariaville, Me. | 6 | Weston |
| CHIPPING SPARROW: | Oct. 16, 24 | Cherryfield, Smyrna, Me. | 1, 1 | Eckstorm |
| CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: | Oct. 18, 23 | N. Eastham | 1 (banded) | Austin Station |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: | Oct. 20 | Mt. Desert, Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | Numbers somewhat below par (50% off, Austin). | | | |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: | Abundant (and singing) at Fairfield, Conn. (Saunders); in general, numerous only briefly. | | | |
| FOX SPARROW: | Sept. 22-24 | Williamsburg | a few | Graves |
| | General arrival of a few from Oct. 19 on. | | | |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | Sept. 19, 20 | Sudbury, Northampton | last | R. Laton#, Weaver |
| LAPLAND LONGSPUR: | Oct. 6, 31 | Newburyport, Northampton | 2, 4 | Griscom#, Eliot |
| | " 10 | Kingston, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 27 | Middletown, R.I. | 24 | Clement, Emerson# |
| SNOW BUNTING: | Oct. 27 | Canaan, N.H. | 35 | McAlister & Ricard |
| | " 23, 25 | Holyoke, Ludlow | 2, 6 | Stebbins, Baggs# |
| | " 20-31 | Plum Island | 15-100 | Mason#, Armstrongs |



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November's weather was seasonable: not too severe at the beginning but wintry at the end. The first good snowfall in northern Vermont came on the 26th (W.P. Smith); and in the Boston region winter arrived before Thanksgiving, when 8 inches fell on the 27th.

Of the fall DUCK migration through Maine, H. L. Mendall writes that, in general it was "characterized by late flights of the northern birds. Scoters and red-legged black ducks were more than two weeks later than in 1939 in their flight through the interior." South on Cape Cod a corresponding lateness of arrival of Black Ducks is shown in E. A. Benchley's observations. Whether, however, the marked scarcity of White-winged Scoters in Massachusetts waters can also be explained by late arrival remains to be seen. All month they were far below last year's numbers on the shoals near Monomoy, but may be wintering unreported in adjacent waters. Eiders have been abundant there, close to shore.

GEESE reached, or passed over, Massachusetts in some numbers on the 23rd and 24th.

HAWKS are reported throughout as few and far between.

Observers in northern sections mention a dearth of LANDBIRDS, but some winter FINCHES have appeared, to brighten the scene. Siskins are widely distributed. Some Redpolls and White-winged Crossbills are reported, and Evening Grosbeaks have started an early arrival in the East. The flight of Lapland Longspurs, numerous as far south as Rhode Island, is notable.

Other birds of special interest are: 2 PACIFIC LOONS, a flock of EUROPEAN WIDGEON, 2 or 3 BLACK-HEADED GULLS, 6 ARKANSAS KINGBIRDS (Nov. 11), CARDINALS, DICKCISSEL, and CLAY-COLORED SPARROW.

Our New England Museum of Natural History, which maintains exhibits, a library, and fine collections of birds and other wildlife, while offering facilities to the public for education and enjoyment, is in serious need of financial support. Many Bulletin readers must feel that this work is worth carrying on. Those who are able are urged to become members. Possibly a friend would appreciate membership as a gift, combining special privileges throughout the year with the satisfaction of participation in a good enterprise supported wholly by private generosity.

Best Christmas wishes and good birding for 1941!

D.L.G.

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| COMMON LOON: | Nov. 5 | passing Manomet Pt. | 375 | Benchley |
| | " 5-16 | " " " | 767 | " |
| | Few inland. | One at Holyoke, Nov. 18. | | |
| PACIFIC LOON: | Nov. 24 | Monomoy | 2 | Griscom & Bishop |
| RED-THROATED LOON: | Nov. 24 | Monomoy | 75 | Bishop & Griscom |
| | " 29 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| HORNED GREBE: | Nov. 10 | Newfound L., N.H. | 3 | K. Elkins |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | Nov. 28 | Arlington | 1 late | Hill & Nash |
| GANNET: | Nov. 11, 24 | off Monomoy | 200, 100 | Scott, Griscom# |
| EUROPEAN CORMORANT: | Nov. 3, 24 | Middletown, R.I. | 300, 225 | Drury |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | Nov. 5 | Mt. Desert I., Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| AMERICAN BITTERN: | Nov. 21 | Plum Island | last | Safford |
| CANADA GOOSE: | Nov. 10, 12 | Chilmark, Dennis | 300, 225 | Cottrell, Benchley |
| | " 14, 23 | Manchester, Vt. | 55, 95 | Robbins |
| | " 23 | Plum Island | 165 | Safford |
| | " 24 | Marshfield, Northampton | 50, 200 | Young#, Wakeman |
| | " 23-24 | Berkshire Co. | hundreds | Hendricks# |
| BRANT: | Nov. 8 | Wianno | 100 | Eaton |
| | "flying S.W. towards the Vineyard." | | | |
| | Nov. 9, 10 | Edgartown, Brewster | 150, 171 | Cottrell#, Taber# |
| | " 5 | past Manomet Pt. | 510 | Benchley |
| | " 5-16 | " " " | 882 | " |
| | " 24 | Pt. Judith, R.I. | 50 | Kraus |
| MALLARD: | throughout | Northampton | about 15 | Eliot# |
| BLACK DUCK: | early Nov. | interior Maine | heavy flight | Mendall |
| | Nov. 18 | Orleans region | large flight | rep. to Benchley |
| | His count previous to this (Nov. 15) showed a population about 1/3 that of 1939. | | | |
| | Nov. 16 | Fall River | 250 (normal) | Clement |
| EUROPEAN WIDGEON: | Nov. 11 | Poucha Pd., M.V. | 43 | Cottrells & Parkers |
| | "42 in one flock, separate from Baldpate; flock included 6 adult males, rest females and immature; all birds had red-brown heads; studied at close range from behind dune; flock flew off high to the south, apparently migrating." | | | |
| | Oct. 29 | Hingham | 1 male | Richard Cranshaw |
| | with 32 Wood Ducks. | | | |
| | Nov. 23 | Middletown, R.I. | 6 | Emerson |
| BALDPATE: | Nov. 3-24 | Middletown, R.I. | 830-1000 | Drury |
| | " 23 | " " | 1700 | " & Emerson |
| | " 11-30 | Little Compton, R.I. | 325-500 | Emerson |
| | " 10, 11 | Martha's Vineyard | 300, 300 | Parkers & Cottrell |
| | (in different ponds) "Another 700 birds, presumably chiefly Baldpate, left pond and headed south just as we approached." | | | |
| PINTAIL: | fall | N. & E. Maine | definite increase | Mendall |
| | Nov. 2 | Arlington, Vt. | 2 (rare) | Ross & Robbins |
| | " 3 | Pittsfield | 2 | Hendricks, Wallace# |
| | " 6 | Norton reservoir | 25 | Taber |
| | (Small numbers in other usual places.) | | | |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | Nov. 8-20 | Corinna Stream, Penob. Co., Me. | 50-20 | Mendall |
| | " 6, 12 | Norton, Eastham | 50, 40 | Taber, Benchley |
| | " 10-24 | Sudbury | 70-40 | Morgan, Scott |
| | throughout | Fairfield, Conn. | about 50 | Saunders |
| CORRECTION: Drury's peak count at Middletown on Sept. 21 were Blue-wings not Green-wings, as shown (p. 65). | | | | |
| BLUE-WINGED TEAL: | Note CORRECTION above. | | | |
| | to Nov. 10 (at least) | N. Eastham | 35 | Dr. Austin |
| | Nov. 3 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| | (previous latest Conn. Val. record was Oct. 21) | | | |
| | Nov. 17 | Sudbury | 6 | Henderson |

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| SHOVELER: | Nov. 25 | Springfield | 1 | Stebbins |
| | " 26 | Northampton | 2 | Eliot |
| WOOD DUCK: | Nov. 8 | Corinna Stream, Me. | 20 | Mendall |
| | " 23 | Manchester, Vt. | 3 flying S. | Robbins |
| | " 10-24 | Sudbury | 40-2 | Morgan, Scott |
| REDHEAD: | Nov. 10 | Pittsfield | 1 drake | Hendricks & Clarke |
| | "our first positive record for this Century" (Berk. Co.) | | | |
| | Nov. 21 | E. Providence, R.I. | 3 | Emerson |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | Nov. 8 | Corinna Stream, Me. | 50 | Mendall |
| | "first year in which a marked increase has been noted in western Maine." "probably know ... have increased steadily in northern and eastern Maine in recent years." | | | |
| | Nov. 10 | Lakeville | 648 | Griscom, Poor# |
| | " 16 | " | several 100 | Ernsts |
| | In the afternoon, as the wind came NW, about two thirds rose out of Little Quitticas Pond and flew away southward. | | | |
| | Nov. 24 | Lakeville | 350 est. | K. Elkins |
| | " 3-21 | Watchaug Pd., R.I. | 200-80 | Kraus |
| | " 17 | Fairfield, Conn. | 20-100 before; few since | Saunders |
| CANVASBACK: | Nov. 10, 24 | Pittsfield, Lakeville | 2, 1 | Clarke#, Elkins |
| | " 6, 21 | Newport, Worden's Pd., R.I. | 1, 26 | Williston, Kraus |
| | " 10-11 | Martha's Vineyard | 125 | Cottrells & Parkers |
| GREATER SCAUP: | fall | Maine coast | "large numbers" | Mendall |
| | compared with 1939; ditto Lesser Scaup; fewer inland, | | | |
| | Nov. 17-18 | Orleans region | "large flight" | rep. to Benchley |
| | " 10 | Edgartown Gt. Pd., etc. | 3500 | Cottrells & Parkers |
| LESSER SCAUP: | Nov. 10 | Lakeville | 175 | Masons, Scott# |
| <u>BARROW'S GOLDENEYE:</u> | Nov. 1-26 | Cambridge | 1 drake | V. Armstrong# |
| | " 30 | Brewster | 1 " (shot) | Paul Curtis |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | Nov. 3 | Dublin, N.H. | 1 | J.M. Abbott |
| | " 4 | Newbury, Vt. | 1 | Mrs. Haskins |
| | "Definite increase ... in northern and eastern Maine" (Mendall); more than ever alongshore (Long); and a few on nearby ponds (Cottrell#). | | | |
| OLD-SQUAW: | Nov. 13 | Hanover, N.H. | 1 | Weaver |
| | " 14 | Great Barrington | 9 | J.H. Bonn |
| | " 3-11-24 | off Monomoy | 8000-3000-1500 | H.O.C., Griscom# |
| | (less than 10% of last year's numbers there in November.) | | | |
| HARLEQUIN: | Nov. 30 | off Cape Ann | 1 female | Robbins, Hill# |
| <u>AMERICAN EIDER:</u> | Nov. 6, 7 | Gt. Cranberry I., Baker's I., Me. | 600, 2000 | Eckstorm |
| | " 24, 30 | Plum I., Magnolia | 4, 5 | Hill, Drury# |
| | " 3-24 | Monomoy | 10000--13000 | H.O.C., Griscom# |
| | " 30 | Little Compton, R.I. | 20 | Emerson |
| KING EIDER: | Nov. 24 | off Monomoy | 1 young male | Griscom & Bishop |
| <u>WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:</u> | November | western Mass. | 8 dates, 20 birds | Eliot# |
| | early Nov. | interior Maine | marked flight | Mendall |
| | Nov. 7-17 | past Manomet | 2170 est. | Benchley |
| | throughout | off Monomoy | 1000 " | Griscom, Garrison# |
| | (as against 30-40,000 there last November.) | | | |
| | Nov. 9 | Saybrook, Conn. | 1000 plus | Hunt & Spaulding |
| SURF SCOTER: | Nov. 3, 10 | Pittsfield | 1, 3 | Bailey, Hendricks# |
| | (Sole Berkshire County records for this century.) | | | |
| | November | Monomoy | "handful" (normal) | Scott# |
| | " 3-23 | Middletown, R.I. | 825-200 | Drury |
| | " 16 | Madison, Conn. | 10'000 plus | Meigs |

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| AMERICAN SCOTER: | Nov. 1, 10 | Agawam | 2, 1 | Eliot |
| | " 3, 20-22 | Berkshire Co. | 1, 1 | Wallace#, Rinsma |
| | throughout | Monomoy | 1000 plus | Griscom, Mason# |
| | Nov. 16 | Saybrook, Conn. | 7000 est. | MacDavid# |
| RUDDY DUCK: | Nov. 10 | Martha's Vineyard | 250 | Parkers & Cottrells |
| | " 10-23 | Middletown, R.I. | 65-42 | Emerson# |
| | " 24 | Lakeville | 11 | K. Elkins |
| | One or two at W. Newbury & Lanesboro, Mass., & Saybrook, Conn. | | | |
| HOODED MERGANSER: | fall | N. & E. Maine | definite increase | Mendall |
| | Nov. 10 | Wachusett reservoir | 10 | Nelson & Riggs |
| | " 19 | Watchaug Pk., R.I. | 15 | Kraus |
| GOSHAWK: | Seen at Orleans, Florence, and ("daily") W. Beckett, Mass., and Hartford and Fairfield, Conn. | | | |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: | Few seen in migration or wintering. | | | |
| COOPER'S HAWK: | Same. | | | |
| RED-TAILED HAWK: | Same. | | | |
| RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: | Still fewer. | | | |
| ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: | Nov. 3, 4 | Berkshire Co. | 1, 1 | Hendricks# |
| | " 4 | Mt. Tom | 2 | Benchley |
| | " 14 | Manchester, Vt. | 1 | Robbins |
| | " 24, 30 | Medford, W. Newbury | 1, 2 | Elkinses, H.O.C. |
| BALD EAGLE: | Nov. 6 | Grt. Cranberry I., Me. | 1 imm. | Eckstorm |
| | " 7 | off Baker's I., Me. | 1 " | " |
| MARSH HAWK: | Nov. 17 | Easthampton | 1 | Riedel |
| | " 26 | Plum I. | last | Safford |
| OSPREY: | Nov. 2, 3 | Cambridge, Sudbury | 1, 1 | Bergstrom# |
| | " 6, 24 | Norton, Newburyport | 1, 1 | Taber, M.A.S. |
| PIGEON HAWK: | Nov. 10 | Ludlow | 1 | Eliot |
| | " 11 | Provincetown | 1 | Stackpole & Taber |
| SPARROW HAWK: | Scarcer than normal, at least in many districts. | | | |
| RUFFED GROUSE: | November | eastern Maine | unusually scarce | Weston |
| RAILS: | Few reports. Using a good setter Clement "combed 85 acres of the Sapowet salt marsh without flushing a rail" (Nov. 24). | | | |
| COOT: | Nov. 11-30 | Little Compton, R.I. | 616-92 | Emerson |
| SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: | Nov. 10 | Brewster | 2 | Taber & Stackpole |
| | " 21 | Jerusalem, R.I. | 1 | Kraus & Walton |
| KILLDEER: | summer | interior Maine | increased | Mendall |
| | Nov. 6, 9 | Norton, Holyoke | 20, 1 | Taber, Eliot |
| | to " 30 | E. Gloucester | 1 | Harvard O.C. |
| BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: | Nov. 3 | Pittsfield | 3 | Bailey, Clarke# |
| | " 11 | Orleans, etc. | 500 | Curtises & Alexander |
| WOODCOCK: | Nov. 15 | Wells River, Vt. | 1 | Smith |
| WILSON'S SNIBE: | Nov. 10 | Ipswich | 1 | Weaver# |
| GREATER YELLOWLEGS: | Nov. 1, 3 | Concord, Dublin, N.H. | 1, 1 | White, Abbott |
| | " 6 | Cranberry I., Me. | 6 | Eckstorm |
| LESSER YELLOWLEGS: | Nov. 24 | Newburyport | 2 | Emilio, Alexander# |
| KNOT: | Nov. 10 | Nauset | 20 | Garrison, Turner# |
| PURPLE SANDPIPER: | Nov. 1 | Scituate | 40 | May |
| | " 10 | Middletown, R.I. | 2 | Clement & Williston |
| PECTORAL SANDPIPER: | Nov. 3 | Pittsfield | 1 (late) | Hendricks |
| | " 3-11 | Newburyport | 12-1 | Nash#, Stackpole |
| WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: | Nov. 2, 3 | Essex Co., Monomoy | 30, 15 | Gleason#, H.O.C. |
| | Nov. 24, 25 | " " | 1 last | Emilio#, Safford |
| | (latest ever recorded in Essex County.) | | | |
| RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: | Nov. 10 | Nauset | 1000 | Batchelders, Alexander# |
| LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: | Nov. 3 | W. Newbury | still 6 | Nash# |

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| STILT SANDPIPER: | CORRECTION: 2 birds on Oct. 5 reported by Morgan were Dowitchers, not Stilts, as shown (p.78). | | | |
| SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: | Nov. 24 | Essex County | 1 | Emilio & Alexander |
| | (latest date of record for the County.) | | | |
| WESTERN SANDPIPER: | Nov. 3 | Monomoy | 1 | Harvard O.C. |
| MARbled GODWIT: | Nov. 11 | E. Orleans | 2 | Curtises & Alexander |
| SANDERLING: | Nov. 11 | Nauset | 140 | Batchelder, Garrison |
| NORTHERN PHALAROPE: | Nov. 10-11 | Monomoy | 1 late | C. Eldredge, Poor# |
| ICELAND GULL: | Nov. 17 | Gloucester | 1 | Mr. & Mrs. Curtis |
| HERRING GULL: | Nov. 26 | Wells River, Vt. | 2 adults | Smith |
| | " 24, 28 | Bennington, Vt. | 1, 1 | Ross |
| | " 10 | Provincetown | 7000 est. | Garrison# |
| BLACK-HEADED GULL: | Nov. 2 | Newburyport | 1 imm. | Curtises |
| | On Nov. 9th, G. Emerson, Griscom, Emilio, and Alexander were convinced they saw 2 adults, one rosier below than the other, making a total of 3 individuals. (The yearling and at least one adult were present into December.) | | | |
| LAUGHING GULL: | Nov. 24 | Revere | 2 | Taber |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL: | Nov. 24 | Revere | 800 | Taber |
| COMMON(?) TERN: | Nov. 3 | Barnstable | 38 | J. Eaton |
| | " 12 | off Eastham | 18 | Benchley |
| RAZOR-BILLED AUK: | Nov. 26 | off Portsmouth, N.H. | 1 imm. | Harding |
| BRUNNICH'S MURRE: | Nov. 30 | Nahant | 10 together | Drury, Parker# |
| | " 30 | Essex County | 2 others | Harvard O.C. |
| DOVEKIE: | Nov. 11, 24 | Nauset, Monomoy | 1, 1 | E. Long, Bishop# |
| | " 17 | Plum Island | 1 | Bergstrom, Nash# |
| BLACK GUILLEMOT: | Nov. 6, 7 | Gt. Cranberry I., Baker's I., Me. | 50, 100 | Eckstorm |
| | " 24-30 | Cape Ann | 1-8 | Harvard O.C. |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | Nov. 24 | N. Andover | 1 | Root# |
| SHORT-EARED OWL: | Nov. 3 | Plum Island | 1 | Mr. & Mrs. Elkins |
| | "out over the water, attacked by herring gulls." | | | |
| | Nov. 28 | Wayland | 1 | Morgan |
| SAW-WHET OWL: | Nov. 5 | Northampton | 1 | Eliot |
| | " 11-17 | Sharon | 1 | Warden Taylor |
| BELTED KINGFISHER: | Nov. 21 | Manchester, Vt. | last | Robbins |
| PILEATED WOODPECKER: | Nov. 9 | Needham | 1 | F. Notman |
| | " 10 | near Pawtucket, R.I. | pair | G. Poirier |
| RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: | Nov. 10 | Wilton, N.H. | 1 | F. L. Baldwin |
| | Nov. 10 | Naushon I. | 1 adult | H. Forbes & Hagar |
| HAIRY WOODPECKER: | Nov. 10-27 | Portage L., Aroos. Co., Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | very large: possibly the northern race. | | | |
| ARKANSAS KINGBIRD: | Nov. 2 | Eastham | 1 | Long |
| | " 10-11 | " | 4 together | Brookline B.C.# |
| | " 11 | N. Chatham | 2 more | Benchley |
| | Benchley saw all 6 on the 11th. Local people told the Brookline Bird Club of a "flock" previously where the 4 remained. This "remnant" stayed close together, and were seen by many observers. They fed on pokeberries, picking them on the wing. | | | |
| NORTHERN HORNED LARK: | Nov. 20-22 | S. Egremont | 10 | Rinsma & Varney |
| TREE SWALLOW: | Nov. 17 | Weekapoag, R.I. | 4 | Kraus & Walton |
| | " 11 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| | The only one seen by him since August. | | | |
| BARN SWALLOW: | Nov. 3 | Quonochontaug, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| CANADA JAY: | Nov. 10-27 | Portage L., Aroos. Co., Me. | 10 | Weston |
| BLUE JAY: | Nov. 10-27 | Portage L., Aroos. Co., Me. | 4 | Weston |

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| RAVEN: | early Nov. | Blue Hill, Me. | present | M. Brewer |
| | Nov. 10 | Small Point, Me. | 1 | Bergstrom, Hill# |
| CROW: | Nov. 11 | Athol | last 2 | Allison |
| | " 21, 24 | Orrington, Mt. Desert, Me. | 1, 1 | Eckstorm |
| FISH(?) CROW: | Nov. 6 | W. Barnstable | 1 | J. Eaton |
| | with 12 common Crows ... appeared 3/4 size ... still not heard. | | | |
| BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE: | Nov. 11-16 | Twp. 29, Wash. Co., Me. | many - 1 | Eckstorm |
| | Nov. 10-27 | Portage L., Aroos. Co., Me. | 10 | Weston |
| ACADIAN CHICKADEE: | Nov. 10-27 | Portage L., Aroos. Co., Me. | 20 | Weston |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | "Considerably more than average" in Conn. Val. | | | |
| BROWN CREEPER: | "Fully up to normal numbers" in Conn. Val. | | | |
| CAROLINA WREN: | Nov. 9 | Westport | 2 | Taber & Stackpole |
| LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: | Nov. 10-11 | Chatham | 2 | Brookline B.C. |
| MOCKINGBIRD: | Noted present in Pittsfield, Worcester & Watertown, Mass., and Middletown, R.I. | | | |
| CATBIRD: | Nov. 1, 17 | Plum I., Cohasset | 1, 1 | Safford, Stackpole |
| | Wintering(?) at Westport, Mass., Hartford & Fairfield, Conn. | | | |
| ROBIN: | Nov. 4 | Holden, Me. | "very large flight" | Eckstorm |
| | " 23 | Mt. Desert, Me. | several | rep. to " |
| | " 8-23 | Manchester, Vt. | 295 - last | Robbins |
| | " 30 | Wells River, Vt. | last | Smith |
| BLUEBIRD: | Nov. 24 | Bennington, Vt. | 1 | Ross |
| RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: | Nov. 8-9 | Last at Groton, Springfield, Ipswich. | | |
| | " 29 | Belmont | 1 (local rec.) | Robbins |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | Nov. 11 | Bangor, Me. | small flock | R. Averill |
| | most of Nov. | Hanover, N.H. | flocks of 30-70 | Weaver# |
| NORTHERN SHRIKE: | Reported quite commonly (except in Conn. Val.). | | | |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE: | Nov. 2, 5 | Blue Hill, Me. | 1 | M. Brewer |
| RED-EYED VIREO: | Nov. 8 | Cambridge | 1 | Griscom |
| | (latest date of record, locally.) | | | |
| ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: | Nov. 1 | Cambridge | 1 | Griscom, Hill |
| PINE WARBLER: | Nov. 9 | Hartford, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid |
| PALM WARBLER: | Normal numbers - or better - of Western Palms reported, plus a scattering of Yellow Palms. | | | |
| NORTHERN YELLOWTHROAT: | Nov. 10 | Monomoy | 1 | Brookline B.C. |
| | Nov. 23 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 male | Emerson |
| WILSON'S WARBLER: | Nov. 15 | Medford | 1 male | C.E. Clarke |
| | " 27 | Groton | 1 female | Wharton & Mason |
| | "Rather sorry looking; feeding on aphids on barberries and roses. Found dead following day." | | | |
| MEADOWLARK: | Nov. 7 | Blue Hill, Me. | present | Brewer |
| RUSTY BLACKBIRD: | Nov. 19 | Manchester, Vt. | last 2 | Robbins |
| BRONZED GRACKLE: | Nov. 7 | Blue Hill, Me. | 500 | Brewer |
| COWBIRD: | Nov. 28-29 | Bedford | 1 male | Clemensson |
| CARDINAL: | Nov. 24 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 male | Frank Novak |
| | The male at Sutton, Mass., is still present. | | | |
| DICKCISSEL: | Nov. 7-9 | Worcester | 1 male | Mrs. H.T. Gray |
| EVENING GROSBEAK: | Nov. 22-23 | Concord, N.H. | 2-3 | Henry Parker |
| | " 24 | Norfolk, Conn. | 6 | rep. to Hunt |
| | " 26 on | Greenfield | 2 | Potter |
| | " 29 | Amherst | 4 or 5 | M. Bessey |
| PINE GROSBEAK: | Nov. 10-27 | Portage L., Aroos. Co., Me. | 20 | Weston |
| | " 16 | Twp. 29, Wash. Co., Me. | 1 only | Eckstorm |

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| REDPOLL: | Nov.10-27 | Portage L.,Me. | 30 | Weston |
| | " 22 | Wells River,Vt. | 8 | Smith |
| | " 1,7 | Williamsburg | 30,75 | Graves |
| | " 2 | Kensington,Conn. | 100 | Carlson & Giana |
| PINE SISKIN: | Nov.17,24 | Hartford,Conn. | 125,200 | MacDavid# |
| | Flocks of 6 to 40 reported from Wells River and Manchester,Vt., Hanover, N.H., Conn. Val. and eastern Mass., Kingston,R.I., and Fairfield,Conn. | | | |
| GOLDFINCH: | Nov. 16 | Groton | 150 | E.Mason |
| WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: | Nov. 10 | Bennington,Dorset,Vt. | 50,50 | Ross,Robbins |
| | Nov. 21 | Wells River,Vt. | 8 | Smith |
| | " 10-27 | Portage L.,Me. | 30 | Weston |
| TOWHEE: | Nov.10-18 | Lenox | 1 daily | Wallace |
| IPSWICH SPARROW: | Nov. 7 | Madison,Conn. | 1 | Meigs |
| GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: | Nov. 30 | N.Andover | 1 banded | O.M.Root# |
| VESPER SPARROW: | early Nov. | Blue Hill,Me. | flock of 15 | Brewer |
| JUNCO: | Nov. 16 | Twp,29,Wash.Co.,Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| CHIPPING SPARROW: | Nov. 4 | Holden,Me. | 1 | Eckstorm |
| CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: | Nov.21-24 | Lenox | 1 banded | Mr.& Mrs.Wallace, Hendricks,Bailey |
| | First Berkshire County record. | | | |
| LINCOLN'S SPARROW: | CORRECTION: Oct. misprinted "Sept." on page 81. | | | |
| LAPLAND LONGSPUR: | Far more than usual. | | | |
| | Nov.10,13 | Hatfield,Northampton. | 2,2 | Eliot |
| | throughout | Plum Island | present | Safford# |
| | Nov.3-11-24 | Monomoy | 1-48-5 | Griscom,Mason# |
| | " 6 | W. Barnstable | 15 | J.Eaton |
| | " 3,16 | Matunuck,etc.,R.I. | 15,1 | Drury,Kraus |
| | " 6,10 | Newport,R.I. | 6,10 | Williston,Clement |
| SNOW BUNTING: | Nov. 7 | Blue Hill,Me. | flock | Martha Brewer |
| | "coming across the bay and apparently dipping into the water like a bunch of swallows. Then lit on the very edge of the beach and behaved like a flock of sandpipers - chasing the receding waves." | | | |
| | Numbers coastwise; a scattering inland. | | | |



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The first week in December brought the coldest weather of the year. On the 4th, sub-zero temperatures prevailed almost everywhere, Miss E. P. Johnson at N. Stratford, N. H. (north of the Presidential Range) reporting a minimum of 34 degrees below zero. From then on the month became milder, with much thawing weather towards the end.

Northern New England (except the upper Connecticut Valley) reports a scarcity of birds in its winter landscape. In southern New England the early cold wave was apparently unable to drive out all individuals of "summer" species, for "Bird-Lore" census parties, and other observers covering their terrain closely, unearthed sundry Catbirds, a Lesser Yellowlegs, and so forth.

WINTER FINCHES are widely distributed, though in no vast numbers; and a scattering of ALCIDAE have been found along the coast.

Of special note is a BLACK VULTURE seen in Connecticut, the only one in New England this year. A PUFFIN off Monomoy is certainly unusual, and another PACIFIC LOON is reported. Our rarest bird, the BLACK-HEADED GULL, was found so consistently at Newburyport as to be a "routine proposition" for visitors there. Finally, it is a surprise and satisfaction to record the return of at least one of last winter's 4 or 5 OREGON JUNCOS.

Indices to Volume 4 will be enclosed with the first issue of the 1941 Bulletin.

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| PACIFIC LOON: | Dec. 22 | Tisbury | 1 | Griscom, Hinchman# |
| HOLBOELL'S GREBE: | Dec. 31 | Surry, Me. | 6 | Weston |
| | " 24 | Middletown, R.I. | 11 | Census party |
| | A few all along the coast. | | | |
| PIED-BILLED GREBE: | Dec. 22 | Poucha Pd., M.V. | 1 | Stackpole, Scott# |
| GANNET: | Dec. 15 | off Monomoy | 50 | Griscom & Guy Emerson |
| EUROPEAN CORMORANT: | Dec. 24 | Middletown, R.I. | 230 | Drury# |
| DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: | Dec. 29 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 (doad) | Drury |
| GREAT BLUE HERON: | Dec. 1 | Newburyport, Nahant | 1 | Griscom#, Nash# |
| | a late migrant noted flying south well off shore. | | | |
| BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: | Dec. 1, all | Ipswich, Cambridge | 6, 3 | Lawson, Nash |
| | Dec. 26 | Stratford, Conn. | 43 wintering | Brauner |
| CANADA GOOSE: | late Dec. | Eastham region | "more plentiful than ever" Austin; | |
| | | | "numbers high and very satisfactory" Benchley. | |
| | Dec. 22 | Martha's Vineyard | 580 | Census |
| BRANT: | late Dec. | Cape Cod, M. Vineyard | a few | Austin, Hill# |

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| BLACK DUCK: | Dec. 31 | Penobscot, Me. | 1000 | Weston |
| | " 29 | Newburyport region | 3000 | Census party |
| | " 22 | Martha's Vineyard | 800 | " " |
| | late Dec. | Eastham region | "more plentiful than ever" | Austin; |
| | | "numbers high and very satisfactory" | Benchley. | |
| | Dec. 29 | Newport, Tiverton, R.I., regions | 125,575 | Census parties |
| | " 26,30 | Ashley Falls, Wayland | 12,150 | Bailey#, Morgan |
| | " 15 | W. Lebanon, N.H. | 1 | Weaver# |
| EUROPEAN WIDGEON: | Dec. 10 | Common Fence Pt., R.I. | 4 | Gibbs |
| | " 20-24 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| | " 22 | Martha's Vineyard | 4 plus | Census |
| BALDPATE: | Dec. 22 | Martha's Vineyard | 1160 | Census |
| GREEN-WINGED TEAL: | to Dec. 24 | N. Eastham | 16 | Benchley |
| | wintering | Easton, Conn. | about 20 | Saunders |
| WOOD DUCK: | wintering | Fairfield, Conn., Boston | 2,1 | Novak, C. Walcott# |
| REDHEAD: | Dec. 22, 31 | Martha's Vineyard | 72,35 plus | Census, Hill# |
| RING-NECKED DUCK: | Dec. 22 | S. Hadley, Squibnocket | 1,9 | Eliot, Census |
| | A few, as expected, through southern New England. | | | |
| CANVASBACK: | Dec. 14 on | Cambridge | 1 (Fresh Pond) | Nash# |
| | " 22,30 | Framingham, Springfield | 1,1 | Fremont-Smith, Stebbins |
| | " 22 | Martha's Vineyard | 105 | Census |
| | " 26 | Worden's Pd., R.I. | 3 | Kraus |
| SCAUP: | Dec. 29 | Newburyport | 1700 | Census |
| | " 15 | Brewster, etc. | 475 | Emerson & Griscom |
| | " 22 | Martha's Vineyard | 2600 | Census |
| | " 24 | Middletown, R.I. | 200 | Drury |
| | " 31 | Guilford, Conn. | 800 | Bergstrom |
| AMERICAN GOLDENEYE: | Dec. 25 | Brewer, Me. | 12 | Weston |
| | " 3 | Wells River, Vt. | 8 | Smith |
| | " 8 | Lynn shore | 1500 | Parker# |
| BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: | Dec. 27 | Beverly | 1 drake | Eliot# |
| | " 19 | Bonnet Shores, R.I. | 1 " | Kraus |
| | " 28 | Warwick Neck Lt., R.I. | 1 | " |
| BUFFLEHEAD: | Dec. 27, 31 | Lynn, Newburyport | 220,290 | Robbins# |
| OLDSQUAW: | Dec. 31 | Surry, Me. | 50 | Weston |
| HARLEQUIN: | early Nov. | Scituate | 1 shot | rep. to Gleason |
| | (came into the harbor with Scoters "about Nov. 7") | | | |
| | Dec. 22, 31 | Martha's Vineyard | 25,16 | Bergstrom, Hornblower |
| AMERICAN EIDER: | Dec. 1, 15, 29 | Plum Island | 1 (N. breakwater) | Griscom# |
| | late Dec. | Chatham harbor | 1000's | Benchley |
| | Dec. 22 | Acoaxet | 15 | Kraus |
| | with 5 King Eiders. | | | |
| KING EIDER: | Dec. 21-22 | Acoaxet | 4 | Clement# |
| | " 7-21 | Bonnet Shores, R.I. | up to 8 | Kraus |
| | " 21,30 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 (close), 6 | Drury |
| | " 24 | " " | 20 | " |
| WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: | Dec. 7 | Cambridge | 1 (Fresh Pd.) | Nash |
| | " 22 | Martha's Vineyard | 4100 | Census |
| | " 21 | Middletown, R.I. | 1280 | Drury |
| | " 31 | Guilford, Conn. | 1200 | Bergstrom |
| SURF SCOTER: | Dec. 31 | Guilford, Conn. | 400 | Bergstrom |
| AMERICAN SCOTER: | Dec. 31 | Guilford, Conn. | 800 | Bergstrom |
| | " 31 | Gay Head, etc. | 800 | Hornblower |
| RUDDY DUCK: | Dec. 31 | Squibnocket | 300 | Hornblower |
| BLACK VULTURE: | Dec. 4 | Harwinton, Conn. | 1 | Griswold |
| | "flying 300 feet overhead". | | | |

HAWKS: In general, their scarcity this winter has been as conspicuous as their abundance last winter.

COOPER'S HAWK: Dec. 26 Sheffield 1 Bailey, Varney#
(apparently not recorded previously in Berkshire County in winter.)

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: Dec. Middletown, R.I. 1 wintering Drury
(This is the sole Red-shoulder report to hand this month.)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: CORRECTION: The last individual seen in the Connecticut Valley region was Sept. 23 (Eliot) not Oct. 13 (as erroneously shown on p. 77).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: Dec. 25 S. Windsor, Conn., etc. 3 Bergstrom
" 22 Martha's Vineyard only 5 Census
and one or two others. Better represented than most hawks this season.

BALD EAGLE: Dec. 9-29 Newburyport 2-3 Kozacka, Census
" 8 Watchaug Pk., R.I. 5 Kraus
screaming over carcass frozen in the ice.
Single birds at 7 or 8 other points in southern New England.

PIGEON HAWK: Dec. 9, 20, 23 Wianno 1 J. Eaton

SPARROW HAWK: Dec. 24 West Becket 1 Mrs. Derby
"Very unusual, occurring at this time in this thick spruce region." - Hendricks

BOB-WHITE: early Dec. Northampton "small covey" Combs
Dec. 29 Milton 21 Cobb

PHEASANT: Dec. 7 Orrington, Me. 2 Eckstorm
"A male in crab apple tree eating rotten apples. Hen on ground in swamp land. About one foot of snow on ground, with temperature - 20°F or lower on the 2nd and 3rd."

SORA: Dec. 24 Middletown, R.I. 1 heard Drury

COOT: Dec. 30-31 Squibnocket 150 Hornblower

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: CORRECTION: The last date at Hadley should have been 1 on Oct. 16 (Eliot) instead of as shown on p. 77.

KILLDEER: Dec. 1-19 Cape Ann 1 (Brace's Cove) Cottrells, Hill#
" 1 Marblehead 2 Nash
" 26 Westport, Conn. 1 (only) Saunders

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: Dec. 1-19 Cape Ann 1 (Brace's Cove) Cottrells, Hill#
throughout Monomoy 8 Griscom, Eliot#

LESSER YELLOWLEGS: Dec. 14, 22 Tiverton, R.I. 1 Clement, Gibbs#

KNOT: Dec. 22 Tisbury 3 M.V. Census

PURPLE SANDPIPER: Dec. 8 Cape Ann 64 Parker & Haydock
" 22, 24 Little Compton, Newport, R.I. 60, 65 Census, Drury
" 26 Fairfield, Conn. 18 (Pennfield Rf.) Saunders

RED-BACKED SANDPIPER: Dec. 1 Plum Island 1 Batchelder & Alexander
Dec. 15, 22 Monomoy, Tisbury 1, 1 Griscom#
" 26 Westport, Conn. 1 Saunders

SANDERLING: Dec. 1-19 Cape Ann 4-1 Cottrells, Hill#
" 22 Martha's Vineyard 2 Census

RED PHALAROPE: Dec. 15 off Monomoy 1 Griscom & G. Emerson
Latest record ever for Massachusetts.

GLAUCOUS GULL: late Dec. Noted at Plum I., Gloucester, and Nahant.

ICELAND GULL: Dec. The same; also:
" 29 Middletown, R.I. 1 Clement & Bowen

KUMLIEN'S GULL: Dec. 1 Newburyport 1 (2nd year) Touseys, Griscom#
" 29, 31 Nantasket 5 or 6 Kraus & Eliot
with 1 or 2 Icelanders. Recall 7 Kumliens at the same place, last Jan. 27.

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| HERRING GULL: | Dec. 15 | W.Lebanon,N.H. | 1 | Weaver# |
| RING-BILLED GULL: | Dec.15,25 | Acoaxet,Hyannisport | 21,20 | Clement,J.Eaton |
| | winter | Fairfield,Conn. | increase | Saunders |
| | "a few in almost any and every flock of Herring Gulls, whereas in most years they are confined to special localities." | | | |
| BLACK-HEADED GULL: | Dec. 1-31 | Newburyport | 2 - 1 (adult) | many observers |
| | Still present the first week in January. | | | |
| LAUGHING GULL: | Dec. 29 | Middletown,R.I. | 1 | Drury & Emerson |
| KITTIWAKE: | Dec.1,30 | off Plum I. | 3,3 | Griscom#,Kraus |
| | " 27,31 | Gloucester,Monomoy | 1,1 | Eliot# |
| RAZOR-BILLED AUK: | Dec. 27 | Nahant | 1 | Eliot,Robbins,Nash |
| | " 24 | Middletown,R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| | " 26 | Narragansett Pier,R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| BRÜNNICH'S MURRE: | Dec.29,31 | Nahant,Plum I. | 1,1 | Robbins#,Kelloggs# |
| | " 31 | Monomoy | 1 (dead) | Eliot# |
| DOVEKIE: | Dec.19-30 | C.Ann & Rockport | single birds | dozen obs's |
| | " 15,31 | Monomoy | 2,1 | Emerson#,Eliot# |
| | " 22 | Tisbury etc. | 39 | M.V. Census |
| | " 22,24 | Little Compton,etc.,R.I. | 2,1 | Drury# |
| BLACK GUILLEMOT: | December | off C.Ann | several | many observers |
| PUFFIN: | Dec. 15 | Monomoy | 1 imm. | Griscom & G.Emerson |
| SNOWY OWL: | Dec. 12 | Dublin,N.H. | 1 | J.M.Abbott |
| | " 15-16-18 | Plum I. | 1-2-1 | Fosters#,Safford |
| | " 23-27 | Lanesboro | 1 | Mrs.H.C.Beers# |
| | " 24 | Middletown,R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| BARRED OWL: | Dec. 1 | Somerville | 1 (transient) | G.L.Perry |
| | " 18 | Portage Lake,Me. | 1 | Weston |
| | eating a flying squirrel. | | | |
| LONG-EARED OWL: | Dec. 6 | Hartford,Conn. | 1 (transient) | Hunt# |
| SAW-WHET OWL: | Dec.4,16 | Northampton,Wianno | 1,1 | Mrs.Eliot,Mrs.Eaton |
| | " 31 | Wells River,Vt. | 1 (heard) | Smith |
| HAIRY WOODPECKER: | A few in northern sections; practically none reported southward. | | | |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER: | Rather scarce. | | | |
| CRESTED FLYCATCHER: | Dec. 14 | Edgartown | 1 "near view" | Worden |
| | "one wintered here 3 years ago," This is a most surprising observation, but by one familiar with Vineyard birds, including the Arkansas Kingbird. | | | |
| NORTHERN HORNED LARK: | Dec.22,25 on | Easthampton,Amherst | 8,flock | Riedel# |
| BLUE JAY: | Dec. 15 | W.Lebanon,N.H. | 50 | Weaver# |
| | A few wintering northward (N.Stratford,N.H., Wells River,Vt., etc.) In eastern Massachusetts they were plentiful the first half of the month, less common to absent in the last half. | | | |
| CROW: | Dec. 31 | Surry,Me. | 12 | Weston |
| CHICKADEE: | Plentiful this winter, even well northward. | | | |
| | Dec. 15 | W.Lebanon,N.H. | 287 | Census |
| | " 23 | Wells River,Vt. | 98 in 6 miles | Smith |
| RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: | Good numbers. | | | |
| BROWN CREEPER: | Good numbers. | | | |
| | Dec. 15 | Essex County | 49 | Bergstrom,Parker# |
| WINTER WREN: | At Greenfield,Northampton,Amherst, and Sutton,Mass., Fairfield, Conn., etc. | | | |
| LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN: | Dec. 29 | Middletown,R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| MOCKINGBIRD: | At Pittsfield,Watertown, and Cohasset,Mass., and N.Hartford,Conn. | | | |
| CATBIRD: | Dec.14,29 | Tiverton,Narrow R.,R.I. | 1,1 | Clement,Kraus |
| | throughout | Middletown,R.I. | 2 | Drury |
| | Dec. 7 | Hartford,Conn. | 1 | MacDavid# |
| | wintering | Fairfield,Conn. | 1 | Novak |

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| ROBIN: | A fair number found wintering in Mass. this season. | | | |
| | Dec. 8 | Prudence I., R.I. | 40 | Gibbs |
| HERMIT THRUSH: | Dec. 16 | Holyoko | last 1 | Bagg |
| | " 24 | Fairfield, Conn. | 1 | Saunders |
| GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: | A gratifying plenty after last spring's dearth. | | | |
| | Dec. 23 | Wells River, Vt. | 17 (in 6 miles) | Smith |
| | " 15, 28 | Boxford, Belmont | 70, 68 | Parker#, Census |
| | " 22 | Northampton region | 65 | Census |
| RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: | Dec. 7 | Hartford, Conn. | 1 | MacDavid# |
| CEDAR WAXWING: | after Dec. 15 | Hanover, N.H. | only 15 | Weaver# |
| | "finished off the berries about town during the first week in December..." | | | |
| | December | Flocks, of sometimes over 100 birds, found at many points southward. | | |
| NORTHERN SHRIKE: | Report of 9 in the Conn. Val.; decrease elsewhere. | | | |
| MIGRANT SHRIKE: | Dec. 22 | W. Tisbury | 1 | M.V. Census |
| STARLING: | Dec. 23 | Wells River, Vt. | only 15 | Smith |
| | In mid-December "a flock of some 50 passed, the movement having the aspect of migration." | | | |
| ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: | Dec. 22 | Chilmark | 1 | M.V. Census |
| PINE WARBLER: | Dec. 9, 28 | Edgartown, Orleans | present | Worden, Benchley |
| | " 21-30 | Osterville | 1 (to feeder) | J. Eaton |
| | "prefers corn muffins, but will eat peanut butter." | | | |
| WESTERN PALM WARBLER: | Dec. 22 | Edgartown | 6 ("always winter") | Worden |
| | " 28 | Middletown, R.I. | 8 | Drury |
| YELLOW PALM WARBLER: | Dec. 15 | Brewster | 1 | Emerson & Griscom |
| NORTHERN YELLOWTHROAT: | Dec. 29 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| RED-WING: | Dec. 8 | Charlestown, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 22 | Edgartown | 1 | M.V. Census |
| BRONZED GRACKLE: | Dec. 1, 9 | Topsfield, Edgartown | 2, 2 | Griscom#, Worden |
| | " 14 | Tiverton, R.I. | flock of 40 | Clement |
| COWBIRD: | wintering | Bedford | 1 (to feeder) | Clemensson |
| | Dec. 22 | Martha's Vineyard | 154 | Census |
| | " 29 | Fairfield, Conn. | 35 | Saunders |
| CARDINAL: | Still going strong at Fairfield, Conn. and Sutton, Mass. | | | |
| EVENING GROSBEAK: | Dec. 15 | W. Lebanon, N.H. | 1 | Weaver# |
| | " 7 only | Topsfield | 34 | Foye |
| | " | Pittsfield | a few | Hendricks |
| PURPLE FINCH: | Scarce; a few at customary feeding stations. | | | |
| PINE GROSBEAK: | Dec. 25 | Brewer, Me. | 10 | Weston |
| | " 20, 26 | Ossipee, N.H. | first, 20 | Mrs. Pratt |
| | " 20, 22 | Norwich, Bonnington, Vt. | 10, 2 | Johnson, Ross |
| | " 7, 8 | Northampton, Holyoko, etc. | 2, 2 | Combs, Bagg |
| REDPOLL: | Dec. 15 | W. Lebanon, N.H. | 198 | Census |
| | " 30 | W. Newbury | 195 | Hill |
| | Small flocks at many other points. | | | |
| | Dec. 24 | New Britain, Conn. | 4 | Schmidt |
| PINE SISKIN: | Dec. 15 | W. Lebanon, N.H. | 429 | Census |
| | " 25 | Hartford, Conn. | 250 | MacDavid, Bashour# |
| | Plenty in Mass. early in the month; a few southward. | | | |
| GOLDFINCH: | Dec. 22 | S. Windsor, Conn. | 300 | Liebe & Belden |
| | Good numbers in eastern Massachusetts; fewer westward. | | | |
| RED CROSSBILL: | Dec. 1 | Hartford, Conn. | 2 | Bashour & O'Brien |
| | " 9 | Osterville | 1 | Mrs. Eaton |
| | " 31 | Dublin, N.H. | 4 | J. M. Abbott |

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| WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: | Dec. 24 | Dublin, N.H. | 15 | Abbott |
| | Dec. 31 | Surry, Me. | 25 | Weston |
| | " 22 | Mt. Tom | 25 | Weeks |
| | " 8, 31 | Boxford, Belmont | 5, 8 | Hill, Robbins# |
| TOWHEE: | Dec. 21-26 | Narrow River, R.I. | 1 | Kraus |
| | " 30 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| IPSWICH SPARROW: | Usual places but not very many reported. | | | |
| GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: | Dec. 1-7 | N. Andover | 1 | Root# |
| | Trapped or seen daily (Brooks School Bird Club) | | | |
| SEASIDE SPARROW: | Dec. 31 | Monomoy | 1 | Eliot, Kraus, Winslow |
| | just south of Morris Island (as on May 30 & Sept. 6). | | | |
| SLATE-COLORED JUNCO: | Dec. 31 | Surry, Me. | 5 | Weston |
| | wintering | Eastham region | unusual numbers | Austin |
| <u>OREGON JUNCO:</u> | Nov. 27 on | Danvers | 1 | Stuart Brewster# |
| | apparently the same adult male that wintered last year. | | | |
| CHIPPING SPARROW: | Dec. 1 | Newton Highlands | 1 (to feeder) | C.R. Mason |
| WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: | wintering | Belmont | 12 | F. Jones# |
| | Dec. 22 | Tiverton, R.I. | flock of 34 | Census |
| FOX SPARROW: | Dec. 2-3 | Pennacook, N.H. | 1 | Blackstone |
| | " 1-8 | Massachusetts | 15 or 20 | C.F. Batchelder# |
| | " 1-10 | Connecticut | 4 reported | Saunders# |
| | wintering | Belmont, Milton | 2, 2 | Jones#, Cobb |
| SONG SPARROW: | Dec. 28 | Belmont | 44 | Census |
| LAPLAND LONGSPUR: | Dec. 1-29 | Newburyport | 10-5 | Griscom#, Census |
| | " 24 | Middletown, R.I. | 1 | Drury |
| SNOW BUNTING: | Throughout: many small, some large flocks. | | | |
| | Dec. 20 | Norwich, Vt. | 60 | Mrs. Johnson |
| | " 7 | Harwinton, Conn. | 400 | Griswold |

